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The Boers Retired

Knox Fought All Day on Sunday With Part of Dewet's Force.

The Burghers Were Evidently Making For Cape Colony.

Cologne Dispatch Says Ex-President Kruger May Meet Emperor Nicholas.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—General Kitchener reports from South Africa that the mounted troops of General Knox were engaged all day long on Sunday with part of General Dewet's forces north of Bethulie.

The Boers, he adds, were headed off, and retired in a northeasterly direction.

Canadian Nurses.

Ottawa, Dec 4.—In answer to inquiries made by the militia authorities as to when the Canadian nurses in South Africa are to return, Col Otter says he left them at Pretoria, and has not heard of them since.

Kruger and the Czar.

Paris, Dec. 4.—"It is probable," says a special dispatch from Cologne, "that Mr. Kruger will meet Emperor Nicholas at Nice or another watering place, where the Czar's physicians have advised him to go for his convalescence."

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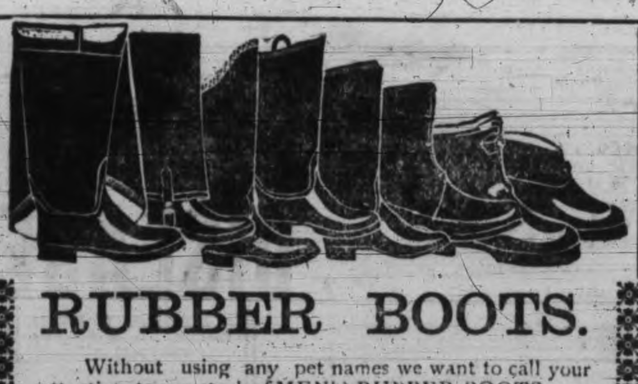

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MESSAGES EN ROUTE.

Proposal to Supply Travellers With News by Wireless Telegraphy While on the Voyage to Australia.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—It is reported that Signor Marconi is arranging to put up wireless telegraph stations along the route from Great Britain to Australia to enable voyagers to send and receive messages throughout the trip.

It is stated that negotiations are proceeding for the necessary rights at Prawle Point, The Lizard, Ushant, Cape Finisterre, Gibraltar, Malta, Algiers, Sardinia, Sicily, Greece, Alexandria, Aden, the Canary Islands and Australian points.

The promoters predict that they will be able to transmit telegrams at the rate of two pence a word.

Murdered For Money

Woman Found Her Husband Dying From Effects of Bullet Wounds.

He Was Known to Carry a Large Sum of Money About With Him--Murderer Escaped.

(Associated Press.)

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 4.—A number of sharp pistol shots in quick succession last night sent the wife of John Crowell of this town flying from her house to the barn, where she found her husband writhing on the floor moaning. "He has gone, and my pocketbook with him." Fifteen minutes after Mr. Crowell died from the effects of two bullet wounds over the heart. Mr. Crowell recently sold out his coffee and tea trade, and had carried the money about with him.

Later Mrs. Crowell said that she must have reached the barn within a minute after the shots were fired, yet there was no signs of the murderer. Neighbors, who heard Mrs. Crowell's shrieks, searched the neighborhood, and found a seven-chambered revolver with five empty shells in it and a whiskey bottle. The police throughout this section have turned to work on the case.

Shot Near the Heart.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 4.—The opinion was expressed to-day by many who had known the man that he had committed suicide on account of financial losses, due to the expense involved in trying to find a fortune which he believed to exist in England. The police later in the day announced that Mr. Crowell's pocketbook was in Crowell's clothing. It contained four dollars. After the autopsy Medical Examiner Jack expressed the opinion that the case was one of murder. At least one of the shots had been fired from a distance as a bullet had been found in the trousers, which had not even scarred the body. The only other shot which struck Crowell hit him just below the heart, coming out near the spine.

EATEN BY A PANTHER.

Horrible Death of An Eight-Year-Old Girl.

(Associated Press.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4.—A Cartwright, Wis., special to the Times says: "An eight-year-old daughter of C. F. Riley, a farmer, living about 16 miles from here in the Mad Brook settlement, was carried away recently by a huge panther and devoured.

"The girl was walking along the road near the farm when the beast sprang from the woods, and taking the girl in his huge jaws, carried her into a swamp, where she met a horrible death, being torn limb from limb. The remains were gathered up and buried.

"The community has organized a panther hunt, and the farmers will not lay aside their guns until the brute shall be exterminated. Since they started out a panther, measuring ten feet from tip to tip, has been shot, and two other large ones have been seen."

NICARAGUAN ROUTE

Favored By the Isthmian Canal Commission in Report to Congress.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 4.—The report of the Isthmian canal commission, submitted by the president to congress today, gives as the unanimous conclusion of that body that "The most practicable and feasible route for an Isthmian canal, under the control, management and ownership of the United States, is that known as the Nicaraguan route."

The commission estimates the cost of this route at $200,540,000.

AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATIONS.

(Associated Press.)

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 4.—The arrangements for the celebration for the establishment of the new Commonwealth on January 1st, includes the erection of a number of triumphal arches along the route of the procession. Of these the American and German residents will each erect one.

A FRENCH BRANCH.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 4.—The Figaro calls attention this morning to the proposal to organize a French branch of the Sons of the American Revolution, and commends it as "worthy of the sympathy of the French people."

Mandarins Executed

Officials Implicated in the Massacre at Tsi Ming Have Been Punished.

Chinese Evade All Attempts of Allies to Engage Them in Battle.

Germans Lost Twenty Men Killed in Fight With Boxers Near Pao Ting Fu.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—A special dispatch from Nan Kow Pass, dated November 30th, says the Kalgan expedition was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them. The towns en route were occupied unopposed, and some tons of skins and silver were levied.

The cavalry captured the baggage of the retreating Chinese force at Swen Hws Su, killed thirty of its guard and secured 20,000 taels.

Three mandarins, instigators of the massacres of converts at Tsi Ming, and twenty-three Boxers were executed, but the Germans generally ignored evidences of anti-foreign activity.

There are continuous disturbances in the interior, where a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops, and the complacency of the allies. The missionaries anticipate a renewal of the outrages.

Germans Killed.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—It is reported in Tien Tsin that the Germans lost 20 killed and many wounded west of Pao Ting Fu, where they were attacked by twenty-five hundred Boxers.

A quantity of loose powder exploded in the last arsenal occupied by the Russians. It is supposed the explosion was caused by two Chinese, who were smoking. Both Chinese were killed. The shock was felt at Tien Tsin, four miles distant.

Will Be Decapitated.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 3.—Lan Wen Huaan, the author of the outrages upon the Pao Ting Fu missionaries, arrived to-day, and was paraded through Victoria road in a cart under a strong German guard previous to being handed over to the provisional government for decapitation.

May Make a Stand.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, dated Pekin, December 3rd, says a considerable force of Chinese regulars has taken up a position at Bang Chow, 95 kilometres, southward of Tien Tsin, and that two detachments of troops from Tien Tsin commanded by Col. Lohscheidt and Major Falkenhahn are proceeding against the Chinese.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

The Czar Is Now Able to Sit in an Invalid Chair.

(Associated Press.)

Livadia, Dec. 4.—The physicians of the Czar issued the following bulletin to-day: "The Czar passed the last 24 hours very satisfactorily. Yesterday evening his temperature was 100.6 and his pulse 80. This morning his temperature was 96.6, pulse 66. His general condition is good. His Majesty is now able to sit in an invalid chair at intervals during the day."

HEAVY LIABILITIES.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Liabilities amounting to $300,000 were scheduled in a petition in bankruptcy proceedings yesterday by Louis C. Haugher, general superintendent of the Armour Glue Works at the stock yards. He had no available assets. The debts were contracted at Pittsburg in 1890, while the petitioner was connected with the William Baeder Glue Co.

LOS ANGELES ELECTION.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Complete returns of yesterday's election in this city show that N. P. Snyder, the Democratic nominee for mayor, was elected by a plurality of 2,000 over Herman Silver, the Republican candidate. The Republicans elected seven of the nine councilmen, and five of the other eight municipal officers.

CANNOT TAKE SEATS.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—The House of Commons to-day proceeded to swear in new members.

The only interesting feature in the House of Lords was the Lord Chancellor's announcement of the receipt of certificates showing the Duke of Manchester and Baron Sudeley had been adjudicated bankrupt, precluding their sitting.

KILLED IN A COLLISION.

(Associated Press.)

Suisun, Cal., Dec. 4.—Five men were killed and 22 injured to-day in a collision between a construction train and a freight train on the Southern Pacific, five miles out of Suisun, to-day. The injured were brought to Suisun by special train. The killed and injured are all laborers engaged in repairing the track.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A corrected list of the casualties in the explosion last evening of a boiler in the lighting and heating plant of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway shows six dead and sixteen injured, five of whom probably will die. Hugh McGregor was added to-day to the list of dead.

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Prince and Canadians

He Adds His Quota of Praise For Their Gallantry in South Africa.

The Kaiser Refuses to Receive Mr. Kruger--Czar May Also Decline.

London, Dec. 3.—Returning members of the Royal Canadian Regiment and the composite regiment of the Household Cavalry were inspected this afternoon by the Prince of Wales at the Albany street barracks. Many other illustrious personages were present. The Canadian officers were introduce to the Prince, who heartily welcomed them. He said it had been a great satisfaction to him to hear how gallantly they had fought, and he mourned with them the loss of many of their brave comrades. The Prince said he remembered with the greatest pleasure his visit to Canada. The spectators at the function were warmly enthusiastic.

The Manchester Guardian to-day says it understands Queen Victoria has decided to confer a dukedom on Lord Roberts and that parliament will be asked to vote him £100,000.

Will Not Be Received.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Emperor William's refusal to receive Mr. Kruger has caused general surprise here.

A special dispatch from Cologne says Mr. Kruger, after he had received Emperor William's telegram, spoke as follows to a deputation styled "Friends of the Boers": "I hope with all my heart that the circumstances which prevent His Majesty from receiving me to-day will become more favorable later. I shall never cease to have confidence in the spirit of justice of the Emperor, who, without knowing me, sent me four years ago significant encouragement. I shall stay some time at the Hague and will then renew my request, and this time the Emperor will not refuse."

Mr. Kruger was very sad and afterwards retired to his apartments in tears.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A resolution in behalf of ex-President Kruger was introduced in the House to-day by Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachussetts. It recites, "Whereas, the heroic struggle made by the Boer republics to maintain their existence has excited the sympathy of the whole world, therefore be it resolved, that the efforts of Paul Kruger to obtain the assistance of the civilized nations of the world in securing peace and proper terms of settlement between Great Britain and the Boer republics is deserving of the praise and sympathy of the American people."

Proceeds to Holland.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Mr. Kruger has abandoned his proposal visit to Berlin, owing to the receipt of an official intimation that Emperor William regrets that, in consequence of previous arrangements, he will be unable to receive him. The Boer statesman will, therefore, proceed direct from Cologne to Holland. He telegraphed to this effect this afternoon.

The Emperor's intimation was conveyed to Mr. Kruger by the German envoy at Luxemburg, who arrived at Cologne to-day.

The government's curt and decisive intimation that Emperor William would not be able to receive Mr. Kruger has created a profound impression throughout Germany. What may be called the anti-British section of the press does not conceal its annoyance, and the moderate Anglo-phobe organs with difficulty repress their utterances of the disappointment.

The inspired journals declare that it was Germany's desire to intimate definitely that Mr. Kruger's visit would not be welcomed; and, therefore, the fact that he omitted to comply with the strict etiquette of the German court and deferred asking Emperor William for an audience until he had reached the Belgium-German frontier, was eagerly seized as a reason for denying him such an audience. Diplomatists generally regard Mr. Kruger's mission as frustrated, and consider Germany's action of great political importance, as denoting a new era in the relations between Germany and Great Britain. On the other hand, the government's attitude is certainly condemned by a large portion of the nation.

Not Wanted.

London, Dec. 3.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle wires that Mr. Kruger will not visit either Vienna or Rome.

London, Dec. 4.—"In response to a confidential inquiry as to whether Mr. Kruger would be welcomed here," says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, "a polite reply was returned to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph had made other arrangements for the next few weeks."

Czar May Refuse.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Yves Goyot, in Siecle, compares the attitude of Emperor William with that of France, to the advantage of the former. He says: "Emperor William wished to show that his government had not surrendered its power to the least enlightened classes, and intimated to Mr. Kruger that he was opposed to his coming to Berlin, to be acclaimed by bands of paid agitators, led by Dr. Leyds. "I can affirm to a certainty that if Kruger approaches the Czar diplomatically he will meet with an equally categorical refusal. The important diplomatic event which was predicted for the week by Dr. Leyds in the press has occurred, but it is the collapse of all the pro-Boer illusions. Mr. Kruger's role is finished. Emperor William's despatch brings nigh the date of peace, and the commencement of an era of prosperity for the Transvaal."

Pursuing the Boers.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 2.—Further details have been received regarding the fight near Roctorfontein, between the British under Gen. Paget, and the Boers, under Commandants Villijon and Erasmus, November 28th and 29th.

Gen. Paget, towards evening on the second day, closed in on the Boer position, with the intention of attacking next day at dawn. The Boers, however, with reinforcements, including three guns, made a desperate attack, and severe fighting ensued. The Boers, who were repulsed with heavy loss, withdrew in a northeasterly direction. Gen. Paget, having occupied their position, sent mounted infantry in pursuit.

The New Zealanders displayed great gallantry, losing five out of the six wounded officers.

May Remain Longer.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The militia department received no information as to the sailing of the Roslyn Castle with men of the second contingent abroad. According to the first notification, she should have sailed from Capetown on Saturday. As she has not done so, it is thought in some quarters that the men will remain longer, owing to occurrences last week in Africa.

Suspects to Be Deported.

Capetown, Dec. 3.—The colonial cabinet met yesterday, holding the first meeting that has been held on a Sunday within twenty-five years. The ministers met again to-day to discuss the anti-British agitation.

It is said that 10,000 persons will attend the Worcester congress. The principal speaker wil be Olive Schreiner, the novelist.

Eleven suspects arrested at Johannesburg in connection with the plot against the life of Lord Roberts will be deported, the evidence against them not being sufficient to warrant a formal trial.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

Conservatives Concede Mr. Maxwell a Majority in Outlying Districts.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—The first shipment of frozen salmon to go from British Columbia by rail to Europe has been put through by the International Ice & Cold Storage Company for Wallace Bros., of Victoria, whose cannery is on Skeena river. The consignment was brought down from the North by the steamer Tees.

The Conservatives are making tremendous efforts to manufacture a little enthusiasm, and extravagant claims are being made at the opposition headquarters concerning Mayor Garden's boasted majority in Thursday's election. The Conservatives concede Mr. Maxwell a majority in Atlin, Texada, Pt. Simpson and other outlying districts, and are basing their hopes on the city of Vancouver to overcome this majority, and land Garden 100 votes ahead. Mr. Maxwell, on the other hand, is confident of at least 300 majority.

Allan Cameron, assistant-general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, has resigned to take the position of general manager in the Orient for the O. R. & N. Company's new line of steamers between Portland and Hongkong.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

Three More Liberals Returned by Acclamation—Flour Mill Destroyed.

Montreal Dec. 3.—Three more Liberals have been elected by acclamation to the Quebec legislature, making a total now of 34, the Conservatives in Shefford and Argenteuil and the Independent Liberal in Chambly having withdrawn from the contest.

Chief of Police Hughes has decided to resign owing to ill-health.

The city council to-day accepted the resignation of F. W. St. George, city surveyor, and one of the best known municipal engineers on the continent.

The Canadian Pacific has issued a circular announcing the inauguration of winter perishable freight shipments to Pacific Coast points.

Lieut.-Col. Strathy, late commanding officer of the Royal Scots, is seriously ill, his mind and sight being affected by a tumor on the brain.

Navigation closed to-day with the departure of the steamship Pallki, which sailed for Avonmouth with a cargo of steel and deals. Only twice before in the history of the port have ocean vessels sailed in December from Montreal.

Cornwall, Dec. 3.—The Cornwall Milling Co.'s flour mill was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is $18,000, insurance about $12,000.

Hamilton, Dec. 3.—J. B. Buckingham, secretary of the Conservative club, and one of the best known men in the city, was found dead in bed yesterday. He was 73 years of age. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Municipal nominations were held throughout the Northwest Territories to-day. The following were nominated at the leading centres: McLeod—Mayor, David Greer, by acclamation. Moosejaw—Mayor, C. Unwin and John Rutherford. Regina—Mayor, W. T. Mallaud, by acclamation. Wolseley—Mayor, A. G. Thompson, by acclamation. Medicine Hat—Mayor, W. T. Finlay and D. Milne. Lethbridge—Mayor, William Oliver and John Kenny.

Halifax, Dec. 3.—The Liberals will banquet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the cabinet ministers here on December 13th.

F. B. Keisler, Mahone Bay, last night, after church, wrote a postal card, went down to the wharf, tied two bricks around his neck and jumped in. He leaves a family.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Bid of Telegraph Construction Maintenance Company Has Been Accepted.

London, Dec. 3.—The Pacific Cable Company has accepted, in behalf of the governments of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand, the bid of the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Company to make and lay a cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk Islands, for £1,765,000, the work to be finished by the end of 1902.

HOW DR. VON STAN'S PINEAPPLE TABLETS GIVE INSTANT RELIEF.—They re handy to carry—take one after eating—or whenever you feel stomach distress coming on—sufferers have proved it the only remedy known that will give instant relief and permanent cure—no long tedious treatments with questionable results—best for all sorts of stomach troubles. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—66.

Another Massacre

Governor of the Province of Shansi Murders Priests and Sisters.

Many Were Ruthlessly Butchered Because They Refused to Renounce Christianity.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from China to the Cologne Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the province of Shansi.

The first victims, the dispatch says, were a Catholic bishop and his coadjutors and four European priests, Franciscans, Italians and French. The governor invited them to his house, pretending to give them protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. Then the governor himself poniarded them all.

Next the governor went to the bishop's residence with a number of soldiers and seized six Marseilles sisters. He promised them money and distinguished husbands if they renounced Christianity, which they unanimously rejected. Thereupon the governor poinarded them, and also a number of Chinese priests, thirty Chinese sisters and two hundred orphans from 3 to 16 years of age.

Fifteen seminarists, who had hidden themselves in a cistern, were tied to stakes and forced to drink the blood of the first victims. They were then killed. A Chinese priest and two Christians who attempted to escape were caught and put in a small hut, where they were burned.

Outbreak Imminent.

London, Dec. 4.—"Placards are again being posted," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, wiring on Sunday, "announcing that a renewal of the anti-foreign outbreaks is imminent."

Attache on the Expeditions.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Kwan Chang, an attache of the Chinese legation here, in a formal interview to-day said:

"It is futile for Field Marshal von Waldersee to send expeditions into the interior; their presence only irritates the natives and increases their animosity towards the Europeans. The Emperor will not return to Pekin as long as foreign troops other than the legation guards are there. Should it be necessary the Emperor will fly further than Sian Fu.

"I believe the powers will soon reach an agreement. China is anxious to conclude peace, as this condition of affairs means the ruin of the commerce, the gradual annihilation of the public welfare, and the devastation of Pekin and other towns and villages."

Troops in Danger.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 3.—Four companies of German troops are reported to be seriously menaced 35 miles west of Pao Ting Fu. Eight companies of French troops, with three days' rations, have left to go to their relief.

Transferring Railway.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 2.—It is by the imperative orders of the Czar that the Russians are handing over the Shan Hai-Kuan railroad to the Germans. The necessary documents were signed this morning.

Mrs. Skinner, of Lomas farm, Sandhurst, Kent, awoke about 4 o'clock the other morning to find a burglar in her bedroom. The uncouth ruffian approached her and said that if she kissed him he would not harm her. Mrs. Skinner, nothing daunted, sprang out of bed shouting for help, and the man made a bolt downstairs, closely followed by the plucky woman. The burglar jumped out of the dining room window, and was eventually caught by two men who pursued him. He has been identified by the police as a ticket-of-leave man, wanted by the Sussex police.

Philippine Campaign

Proposal to Raise Fifteen Thousand Native Troops to Deal With Guerillas.

The Increase of the United States Army--A Naval Reserve.

Washington, Dec. 3.—In the course of his message to congress, President McKinley reviewed the financial operations by the government during the year in detail. "It will be the duty, as I am sure it will be the disposition of congress," says the president, "to provide whatever further legislation is needed to insure the continued parity under all conditions between our two forms of metallic money, silver and gold."

Touching the disposition of surplus, the president recommends a reduction of internal revenue war taxes in the sum of $30,000,000. Immediate action is urged on measure to promote American shipping and foreign trade, and it is said "the remarkable growth of our steel industries, the progress of shipbuilding for the domestic trade, and our steadily maintained expenditures for the navy have created an opportunity to place the United States in the first rank of commercial maritime powers."

The president calls attention to the passage of his last message for early action to remedy such evils as might be found to exist in connection with combinations of capital organized into trusts, and he repeats the language of previous message, adding "Restraint upon such combinations as are injurious, and which are within federal jurisdiction, should be promptly applied by the congress."

The treatment of the Philippine question consists largely of a review of events and acts there during the past year, recalling the president's determination to await the decision of congress as to the establishment of a form of government. He speaks favorably of the progress towards pacifying the native and the institution of local government.

The necessity for a Pacific cable between the United States and Hawaii with extension to Manila is urged anew.

The increased needs of the army by reason of new possessions, the country's coast defences and new army posts, is pointed out, and the necessity in the immediate future for from 35,000 to 60,000 men in the Philippines is stated.

"It must be apparent," says the president, "that we will require an army of about 40,000, and that during the present conditions in Cuba and the Philippines they should have authority to increase the force to the prisent number of 100,000. Included in this number authority should be given to raise native troops in the Philippines up to 15,000, which the Taft commission believe will be more effective in detecting and suppressing guerillas, assassins and ladrones than our own soldiers."

The recommendations of the secretary of the navy for new vessels and for increase force are approved, and the establishment of a national naval reserve and a grade of vice-admiral is recommended, and also provision for suitable rewards for special merit.

Attention is called afresh to the necessity for an amendment to the Alien Contract Law, and the important features of the rightful application of the eight-hour law for the benefit of labor and the principle of arbitration are commended to congress.

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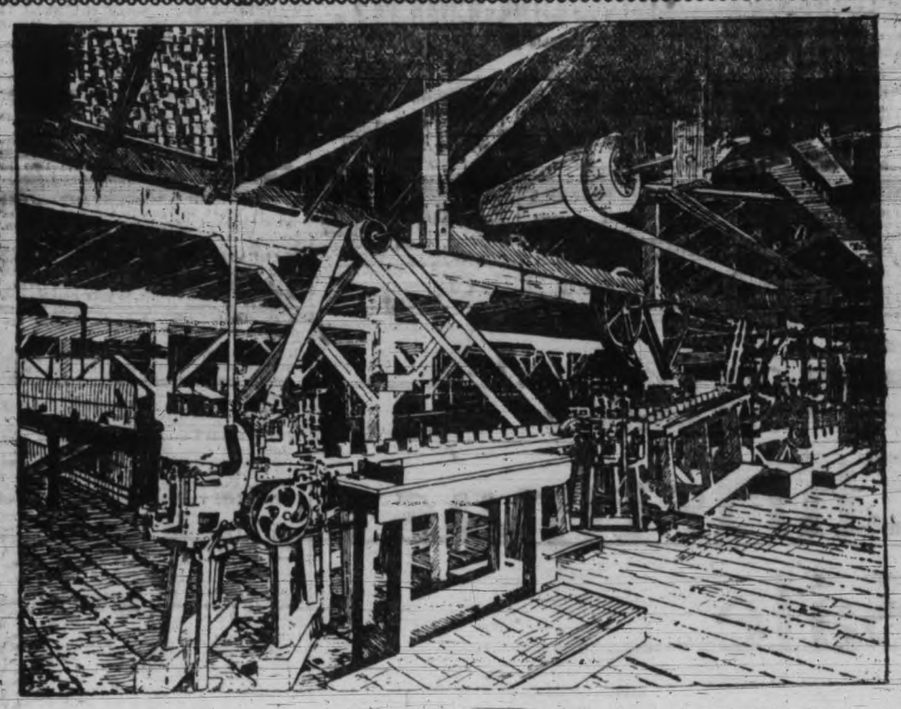

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"Shenandoah" Last Night

Bronson Howard's Successful War Drama Held Boards at the Victoria Theatre.

Large Audience and Great Enthusiasm—"Why Smith Left Home."

Bronson Howard's famous war drama, "Shenandoah," held the boards at the Victoria theatre last evening. There was a large audience, demonstrative in the gods and appreciative in the dress circle and pit.

This production is one of the most popular of its class on the road to-day. It never fails to arouse the greatest enthusiasm. Coming here directly after the return of a number of Victoria's quota of the first Canadian contingent there is pride, pomp and circumstance surrounding it which at this particular period make it doubly impressive. But while at times a very fair insight was given last evening into the mysteries of stage realism, the boards at the Victoria were hardly large enough to accommodate the accessories essential in giving the action scene the extensive presentation it required.

It is impossible to restrain a thrill of enthusiasm when the panorama of one of the most terrible wars in the annals of history is fairly realistically unfolded on the stage, and the audience can be excused, pre-eminently the gods, for becoming tumultuously enthusiastic when the gallant Sheridan dashed from Winchester in time to turn the tide at Cedar Creek, and crown the Union arms with another victory.

In reproducing such a conflict, and the stirring events of the Shenandoah valley on the stage, the dramatist must have undertaken a very difficult task. But in "Shanandoah" there is one great meritorious feature. No attempt is made to discuss the merits of either side's contention as to the justice of its cause—no buried prejudices are resurrected, but the bravest and the most chivalrous of both north and south are exalted in the same sphere, and the blue and gray share equally the united nation's admiration and pride. The happy blending into one heroic whole of the two sections is undoubtedly in a great measure responsible for the success of "Shenandoah," and it will never fail to attract large audiences, whom it will always arouse to enthusiasm.

The company last evening was a capable one with one or two exceptions. Probably the best portrayal was that of Col. Kershaw, West, one of the dashing Sheridan's cavalry leaders, by Frank Rollestan. Of course this gentleman's role was an heroic one, and naturally popular, but he gave a meritorious impersonation. The next in order was probably the portrayal of the role of Gertrude Ellingham, by Estella Dale, who lent to her character all the southern charm of manner, and intensity required and created a very favorable impression. Otis Turner was a splendid Sergeant Burket, and hats should be doffed to him in recognition of the excellence of his characterization. He made a very picturesque appearance as he stood on the heights at Cedar Creek, with one arm in a sling and the other waving a weapon as he vociferated that the "Federal army was on the retreat in the direction of the North Pole." General Trancous Buckthorn, commander of the 19th army corps, fared well in the hands of M. E. Heisey, and if the audience wanted a more dignified commander they should remember that in the great struggle dealt with in the play, promotions came with such rapidity that dignity could not keep up with it, and was usually left several grades behind.

The daughter of the regiment and Pallas of 1861, Jenny Buckthorn, was spiritedly presented by Julia Bachelder, whose vivacity was quite refreshing. The role of Lieut. Frank Bedlow received an indifferent portrayal by George A. Wright. He was hardly dashing enough to be the son of his father, General Haverill, who was excellently represented by Alfred Moore. Basil Booth had nothing to do as General Phil. Sheridan but ride a horse, wave a sword and look picturesque. Joseph Slayton, as Capt. Thornton, in secret service in the Confederate army, was not quite up to the mark, his enunciation being very indistinct. He made his character, however, the meanest one in the play, in accordance with its requirements, and that is something in his favor.

The character, Capt. Heartsease, in the hands of A. F. Buchanan, was fairly well portrayed, and the others contributed their exactions as required.

"Why Smith Left Home."

George H. Broadhurst's London and New York success, "Why Smith Left Home," comes to the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening, and a delightful entertainment is in store for all lovers of good wholesome fun. "Why Smith Left Home," like Broadhurst's other farces, is written for laughing purposes only. The piece has proved even more successful than his "What Happened to Jones." It is overflowing with comic situations, and throughout the entire performance there is abundant evidence that the author was intent upon fun-making.

The characters form a diversified aggregation with all the personages drawn upon comic lines. The company is composed of players of reputation, most of whom figured in the production last season. The cast includes: Douglas Flint, Lizzie May Ulmer, Rose Hubbard, Eugene Redding, Nellie Maskell, Augustus Mortimer, Frederic Roberts, Frank Craven, Elenor La Salle, Blanche Everson, Bessie Bruno and Charlotte Love.

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Craigflower Again

The Re-opening By-Law Fails to Pass Committee--Considered Again To-night.

Aldermen Warmly Commend the Times' Enterprise in Advertising the City.

The Craigflower road reopening by-law was stalled in its preliminary consideration last night, owing to a difference among the members of the board in regard to the wording of certain sections, and through some misunderstanding between the promoters of the by-law and the city solicitor in regard to the way in which it should be drawn up. Ald. Stewart finally issued an ultimatum that if the by-law was not modified to meet his views he would vote against it. It was then decided to defer further consideration of it until this evening, when a special meeting of the city council will be held to further consider it.

The minutes being adopted, Ald. Cameron rose and remarked that he wished to say a word in commendation of the Times newspaper. No doubt all had noticed their special edition of Saturday last. He regarded it as a most vaulable advertisement for the city. It was most gratifying to the members of the council, as it certainly should be to the publishers, to have such a creditable number brought out in the city.

Ald. Hall warmly seconded Ald. Cameron's remarks. He had purchased a number of extra copies to mail to other parts to show what progress the city was making.

The Mayor remarked that at a recent dinner the editors of the two newspapers had stated that while differing on political issues they were one on every measure affecting the welfare of the city. (Applause.)

A communication was received from Chief Engineer Roy, saying that the James Bay flat question was engaging the attention of the department.

The Mayor remarked incidentally that he had driven Hon. Mr. Sifton to the flats, and he believed that gentleman, on his return to Ottawa, would soon settle the matter, as he could see no possible objection to it.

"In which case I move," remarked Ald. Yates, "that the Mayor's hack hire be recommended to the favorable consideration of the finance committee."

Amid applause the clerk read the declaration of the returning officer regarding the passage of the by-law. In the same connection Mr. Bodwell wrote asking that the city council pass a resolution empowering his company to proceed with the necessary steps toward incorporation. This was to be done without expense to the city. The council approved the suggestion, and instructed the city solicitor to act with Mr. Bodwell in the matter.

Robt. Oakes, of Centre road, asked for sewer improvement there. Referred to city engineer for report.

Market Superintendent Johnson submitted his monthly report showing $143.-30 to have been received from the market.

Lindley Crease forwarded a petition for the improvement of Government street between Herald and Fisguard streets. Referred to the streets committee.

A petition for a light on the corner of Haughton street and North road was referred to the electric light committee. A petition for a sidewalk on Moss street was warmly commended by Ald. Hall. It was referred to the city engineer for report.

The financial committee recommended the appropriation of $400 for the purchase of copies of the New Year's edition of the Colonist. Carried.

The electric light committee recommended adversely on the petition of Horace Knott for a light, and also to that of Clement Royds.

In the former case the complaint was not well founded, and in the latter the circuit would not stand any additional lights. Received and adopted.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of $6,125.50 for current expenses. The report was adopted.

L. Dickenson drew the council's attention to the state of Government street between Johnson and Cormorant, and also of the state of the sidewalk on the east side.

Ald. Brydon said that there was no doubt the sidewalk was an eyesore.

Ald. Cooley—A footsore.

Ald. Beckwith thought the condition of the street gave great cause for complaint. Ald. Cameron said so, too. The Mayor said if the sidewalk was raised it would place a number of buildings in a hole. A way out of that would be to allow these people to raise their buildings to the grade.

The communication went to the city engineer for report.

Ald. Williams asked that his motion re the continuation of Broad street, be laid over.

Ald. Yates said it was an amendment to his motion, and was at any rate ultra vires.

Ald. Williams explained that his motion asked the incoming council to seek legislation along the desired line.

Ald. Yates replied that next year the council would have to do something for its own protection. He thought the city should pay two-thirds, but the law did not permit it.

The Mayor said this was the first council that had had the money to proceed with this work, and the property owners should gladly accept their offer.

Ald. Williams put in a plea for the passage of his motion.

Ald. Yates agreed that the city got more benefit than any one on it. Neither had they asked for the expenditure.

Ald. Brydon also spoke strongly in favor of Ald. Yates's by-law. Broad street under the city's new conditions was going to be a very important one.

Ald. Williams's motion was lost.

The Terminal by-law was finally passed.

Ald. Yates introduced a by-law providing for the payment of the city of one-third of the cost of extending Broad street. It received its first reading.

Craigflower Road Re-opening by-law was next reached, and the council went into committee.

Ald. Beckwith said it was understood that the by-law would be acceptable if provision was made for the payment for lands expropriated on a basis fixed by a board of arbitrators.

The solicitor explained that he had prepared two by-laws, one providing for expropriation involving a return of taxes and interest, and the other that the work be carried out under local improvement by-law. Either could be regarded as the by-law before the council.

Some discussion arose over whether the clause abrogating the closing by-law be repealed or not, as the city solicitor represented that it was not now necessary, owing to the land being acquired by expropriation. The clause, however, stood.

Coming to the designation of the district over which the road travels, the Mayor suggested an amendment by striking out the specifications of certain lots, making the terms more general. This would leave the establishment of a claim entirely on the shoulders of the individuals.

A long discussion followed, in which the prejudices and principles of almost every alderman was manifested. Finally it was decided to lay the matter over until this evening, for further consideration, and the board rose.

A KING'S PAWN.

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On the whole the story is restful, carrying one away from the present and picturing other lands and scenes. Many of the incidents are amusing, and in numerous spots we find excellent wit and repartee. The character of Henry is well brought out, although there is very little formal description in the book. Published by W. J. Gage & Co. (Limited), Toronto.

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Taschereau, in his "Canada Criminal Acts," says: "The crime of perjury (the quoting Greaves) has become so prevalent of late years, and so many cases of impunity have arisen, either for want of prosecution of for defective prosecution, that this and the following sections were introduced to check a crime which so vitally affects the interest of the community." It was considered that by giving to every court and persons administering oaths a power to order a prosecution for perjury at public expense, coupled with a power of commitment in default of bail, many persons would be deterred from committing so detestable a crime, and in order to effectuate this object the present clause was framed, and as it passed the Lords it was much better calculated to effect that object than as it now stands. As it passed the Lords it applied to any justice of the peace. The committee in the Commons confined it to justices in special session, a charge much to be regretted, as a large quantity of business is transacted before a single justice or one metropolitan or stipendiary magistrate, who certainely ought to have power to commit under this clause for perjury committed before them. He goes on to show how the altering of the clause by the Commons committee has made it impossible to proceed against various classes of wilful and corrupt perjury. Above all men, the unscrupulous lawyer knows how to get his work in with the legislature, while those who toil and spin, grin and suffer. The social conditions are such that the masses have to confine their attention so closely to their own affairs that, except one's own shoe is being trampled on, no needed assistance may be looked for, and the evil therefore goes on for generations until a material number of individuals are affected, a remedy sought for and obtained, but in the case of the subject in question the sufferer is at the mercy of the chief persecutor, who has so much to do with framing the law governing the relief sought for, and, as in the case of the Commons committee, so do they always seek first to attain their own ends. The Judge Hales, who assume the garb of the miller, are far less numerous than the august judge put off the bench, but those who have read the timely words of Col. Denison, of Toronto, as reported in the Colonist, September 23rd, must feel that there is at least one who sees an iniquity working its own destruction, practical evidences of which are to be seen in the acts of the New Zealand legislature. In Canada the same sentiments have taken a root unsuspected by the legal fraternity. A lawyer towers above those in other walks in life either for good or for evil, and the writer does not fear any honorable member of the profession disapproving of the sentiments herein sought to be expressed, for it is from such men that come the strongest condemnation of the present maladministration of justice. Let us become more willing to relieve each other of our burdens, and in so doing will find more pleasure in living. Let us become better informed on the questions affecting the social conditions of the masses, so that when a deliverer shall arise he will receive an intelligent report.

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All obstacles have been overcome, and before the end of two years the two great commonwealths of the British Empire will be united by wire. This will enable us to become better acquainted with each other, and we hope lead to more intimate commercial relations. The commission which has had the work in hand of smoothing away the difficulties in the way of the consummation of this scheme which has been talked of so long had no light task imposed upon it. Some of the colonies which have decided to join forces for the purpose of gaining the strength which comes from union were indifferent, if not actually antagonistic, to the scheme, while the great corporation which has a monopoly of the telegraph business there and to Great Britain at the present time did not propose to admit a competitor into its preserves if it could be prevented. The commission did not make much noise in its work of investigation and organization and conciliation, but all these things have been proceeding slowly and surely, and no doubt when the announcement is made that everything is ready it means that work will be commenced immediately and the undertaking completed without loss of time. We do not know that the building and operation of the cable will add greatly to the population of British Columbia, but it will be of immense benefit to us in many ways. We have often been told that our resources and our province generally needed advertising. The cable will give us a great advertisement, and will draw attention most effectually to the importance of the interests which are converging here as one of the chief centres of the British Empire.

WILLIAM AND PAUL.

If the Emperor of Germany was indiscreet on one occasion and raised hopes in the breast of Kruger which have proved disastrous to the Boers, he has in a great measure atoned for his shortsightedness by refusing to receive the ex-president or in any way recognize him officially. This means a great deal for the cause of peace, but it is more significant still of the cordiality of the relationship which has been established between the two mighty powers of Europe. When Great Britain and Germany enter into a compact there is no combination on earth that shall say nay to anything they take in hand which they believe to be for the welfare of mankind, and we do not believe for a moment that they will ever be found acting together in any cause which would add to the sum of human misery. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that the action of the German Emperor has had a most extraordinary effect upon French public opinion. No doubt some of the newspapers and many of the populace who have a hereditary detestation of everything British indulged in the hope that Kruger might succeed in inducing a combination of European rulers to take steps to thwart Britain's announced intention of establishing another great self-governing commonwealth in South Africa. But the action of the Emperor of Germany opened their eyes with remarkable suddenness. They might have known that they were dreaming if they had not been carried away by their incomprehensible enthusiasm in the cause of the man whom in their days of sanity they had no sympathy for. The German people have no particular love for the British, but they remained in calm possession of their faculties when Kruger came amongst them. They know from past experience as the French do also, although they sometimes forget it in moments of excitement—that when Great Britain puts her hands to the plough and her statesmen announce that there shall be no turning back, not all the powers in Europe can prevent the completion of the task she has set herself to. That is why the Emperor refused to see Paul, and the latter gentleman now feels in his deceitful old heart that he has shot his last bolt and that it has fallen very far short of the mark.

COOK AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The Colonist thinks the government should disprove the charge made by a gentleman by the name of Cook that he was offered a seat in the Senate and was asked to pay ten thousand dollars for it. As the matter stands at present the Premier has denied in the most explicit manner that such an offer was ever made to Mr. Cook. Thus we have on the one hand the assertion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of the Dominion, a man honored and respected in all parts of the English-speaking world, and on the other the allegation of a disappointed politician, a man who deserted his party because he was not given the preferment to which he thought he was entitled, who had tried to obtain a Liberal nomination in several constituencies, and who, no doubt for good and sufficient reasons, was rejected by them all. As Mr. Cook threw in his fortunes with the Conservatives and did his best to encompass the defeat of the Liberal government, and as it was no secret that he did above all things desire a Senatorship, it is not unreasonable to suppose that he had the promise of elevation in the event of the Conservative party proving victorious. The question is, should anything emanating from a man who could change his flag for such reasons as the foregoing be treated seriously? It is nothing short of absurd to maintain that the government should erect some sort of a tribunal to consider the accusations of such an irresponsible individual as Mr. Cook. If the leaders of the Conservative party, whoever they may be, think there is any ground for the charge of this gentleman whose abilities have not been adequately rewarded, let them bring the matter up in parliament and they and Mr. Cook will get the chance to prove the charges they have made. But there is little likelihood that anything more will be heard of the matter. Mr. Cook has not been saying much since the 7th of last month. He is like the Montreal Star. He expected to be rewarded for his services, and as those from whom he hoped for much are not in a position to implement their promises, to keep on talking now would be waste of energy. For the government to take up the Cook case in its present form would be like proceeding to investigate the charges of disloyalty made by the Conservative leaders against a government which has done more for the consolidation of the British Empire than all the Tories who have held power since Confederation.

We have before us a little pamphlet written by Rev. John Kay, Deer Park, Toronto, Ont., which demonstrates most clearly that the first year of the twentieth century is nearing an end. We are quite willing that the author should hold and maintain this opinion to the best of his ability and that he should even consider this the twenty-first century if it pleases him. He could prove that it is just as easily as he demonstrates that the twentieth century began on January last. But we do hope we are not to be harassed by a second controversy on that profitless topic. The world has decided to commence the new century on January next. Nothing can alter that decision, and as even if a change were possible it would not add an hour to the life of any individual nor relieve any mortal from a featherweight of the burdens he is already compelled to bear, what is to be gained by opening the floodgates of controversy? As it is in just such subjects as this that a great many people seem to be interested, to the exclusion of matters of practical import, we hope our correspondents will accept of this hint.

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Seymour Hastings O'Dell, whose letters from the front kept the readers of the Times so well posted on the doings of the Canadians in South Africa, has received an appointment under the provincial government. In common, we are sure, with everyone in British Columbia, we are rejoiced to hear of this.

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Mr. Offield directs attention in the Times to-day to a matter which it is rather surprising has not been referred to before. The sales at the pound, especially of cattle and horses, should certainly be advertised in the semi-weekly papers for the benefit of the agricultural community.

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Ordinarily it is rather a delicate matter for a municipality, or even a state, to step in and interfere with the relationship between parents and children. In the case which occurred in this city on Saturday, however, we are sure that the almost unanimous opinion will be that the health authorities acted as they should have done. There is no doubt whatever that much suffering and even human life has been saved by the promptitude of the Mayor, Dr. Fraser and Mr. Wilson in acting with energy and decision. This is a subject which is engaging the attention of public men and journals in all parts of the continent at the present time, and the universal opinion seems to be that while adults cannot be prevented from doing as they please with their own bodies, the children must be protected.

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There does not seem to be any serious depression as a result of the passage of the by-law. Attention is now directed to Vancouver Island in a remarkable way. Most of the newspapers seem to be rather surprised that we passed favorably upon the ferry scheme. It seems to have been the general belief that we were too well satisfied with our present condition to look forward to anything better.

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A non-union carpenter in Chicago was assassinated apparently because he persisted in working on a job which had been declared closed to union men. No one supposes that the union as a whole was responsible for the death of the workman, but it is unfortunate for the cause of organized labor that men capable of such deeds are within its ranks.

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The C. P. R. appears to have taken the bull by the horns. The managers of the affairs of the big railway company think it is just as well to try and please the people of Victoria before the cars of the "great unknown" take a "wheel" in the business.

ANNUAL BAZAAR.

R. E. Church Ladies Promise a Brilliant Affair To-Morrow.

To-morrow will mark the opening of a great social event, namely, the annual bazaar and concert by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church. Philharmonic hall, Fort street, is the place selected for the festivities, which will occupy the major portion of two days, commencing, as stated, to-morrow at 3.30 o'clock, when His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will declare the sale opened. The event is under the distinguished patronage of Sir Henri and Lady de Lotbiniere, Col. Grant, R. E., and Mrs. Grant, Capt. Fleet, R. N., and Mrs. Fleet, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Hayward, the United States Consul and Mrs. Smith.

The spacious hall is admirably adapted for entertainments of all kinds, and at this occasion the interior is being prettily decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns and evergreens, which blended with the numerous gaily bedecked booths will considerably add to the effect.

The ladies of the church, under whose auspices the affair is presented, are well known for their excellent and attractive programmes, as well as unquestionable faculties of pleasing everybody. No pains are being spared to make this—the closing sale of the old century—one of the most brilliant and successful social functions in the history of the society.

In addition to the sale announced for the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, tea will be served to all patrons and visitors, and a concert consisting of music, tableaux, fancy drill, etc., will be drawing cards each evening at 8 o'clock, admission being only 25 cents. On Thursday, luncheon will be provided at popular prices, between the hours of 12 and 2.

WHO HELP BREAK ROCKS.

Magistrate Sentenced Crooks to Terms at Topaz Avenue—Other Items.

An aborigine, who proudly bears the cognomen Stuttering Billy, was charged in the police court this morning with drunkenness. Billy was fined $7.50 and $1 costs, or in default fifteen days' imprisonment with hard labor.

Charley Adams and Patrick McDermott, two of the precious seven who have adorned the lock-up by their presence during the past few days, were called for vagrancy. They were liberated last evening ostensibly for the purpose of pondering over their evil ways in the fresh air, but in reality to allow them to depart from this fair city for parts unknown. They did not appear this morning, and no hearts were broken.

It appears that of the seven who were charged with theft three agreed to plead guilty and thus clear the others. This noble self-sacrifice was wholly lost on the chief, who is not at all sentimental. He inexorably kept on his course and convicted all but the two who have been given the privilege of leaving Victoria.

The court was in session the greater part of yesterday, the case against these men being resumed in the afternoon. The first, J. H. McDonald, was convicted of stealing from A. Holmes and the Patterson Shoe Company, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor on each charge. Rogers, the next man, received six months' imprisonment with hard labor for theft from A. Holmes, and a similar term for stealing a silk handkerchief from a Japanese. Turner and Edmunds each got nine months for the theft of an overcoat from S. Reid.

Ryan, who was also concerned in one of the thefts, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Warden Johns, of the Topaz avenue resort, has consequently quite an addition to his list of enforced boarders. It might be noted that when the chief and detectives searched the quarters of these men they found under the pillow of Edmunds's bed a loaded six-chambered Colt army revolver apparently new.

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SHIPPING NEWS

Happenings of a Day Along the Waterfront.

VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Wednesday, Dec. 5.		Thursday, Dec. 6.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
3:30 a.m.	8.5 feet.	4:10 a.m.	8.6 feet.
7.00 a.m.	7.4 feet.	8:00 a.m.	8.0 feet.
12:30 p.m.	9.0 feet.	1:10 p.m.	9.2 feet.
8:00 p.m.	6.2 feet.	8:40 p.m.	0.0 feet.

Rough weather, as supposed, was the reason of the steamer Queen City's protracted voyage completed yesterday as announced heretofore. The steamer was three days overdue. She brought from the coast, in addition to her salmon freight for the ship Naiad, $1,800 in gold dust from the Wreck Bay placers, and on her next trip, it is expected, the steamer will have a consignment of ore from the Monitor mine at Alberni, which has now its aerial tram completed, and is getting ore on the dump. The steamer reports that at Quatsino the coal mining operations have been suspended for the winter. A big potlatch was in progress at Kyuquot and Indians were gathering there from all points on the coast. Some big prize money was being given away. The Queen City's passengers for Victoria were as follows: Harvey Waters, W. L. Jones, P. Huster, Chris. Frank, P. Wallen, M. McGregor, Mrs. Margetish, Thos. Noye, J. Noye, W. G. Allen, S. Saunders, Tom Jackson, Mrs. E. Jones, Ralph Allen, Mrs. Deakin, Miss Violet Deakin, S. Clemmens, R. Langley, Mrs. Guinard, Master Guinard, R. Thomas, M. Thomas, J. Williams, A. S. Going, John Bentley, J. W. McGregor, H. C. Brewer.

The contract which has been entered into by the Esquimalt marine railway for the repair of the ship Dunreggan, which went on the ways yesterday, is one of the largest of the kind which has been undertaken by that company. It is believed that between thirty and fifty plates will have to be replaced. The vessel struck when at Honolulu on her last voyage. The work is to be done under the superintendency of Capt. Metcalfe, and Mr. Wade of the Salvage company.

A small number of passengers were aboard the steamer Willapa when she sailed for Naas and way ports last evening. The list included J. E. Doyden, who is going to Quatsino via the northern end of the island; J. R. Reid, H. Anderson, Miss Carroll, and E. Hunt. The steamer on this trip will not cross to Queen Charlotte islands.

Tug Lorne left for Port Angeles this morning to tow the German ship Alexthar to Hastings. On her return she will take the German ship Atlanta to sea. The Atlanta has 750,000 feet of lumber aboard from the Hastings mill for the West Coast of South America.

Steamer Utopia has been withdrawn from the Sound route and has been replaced in the service by the Schome. For landing her passengers without first undergoing customs inspection on Friday last the Utopia has been fined $400.

R. M. S. Empress of China will be a couple of days behind schedule time in sailing for the Orient this week. She is being delayed by the English mail, and will not leave until to-morrow.

The steam freighter Katie is to be sold at auction on Saturday at 11 o'clock. The Katie is a vessel of over 30 tons register, and is now lying at Spratt's wharf in the upper harbor.

The British sloop of war Icarus arrived at San Francisco on Friday, six days from Esquimalt, on her way to Honolulu and the islands of the Southern Pacific.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1.20 and connected with the train.

Trans-Atlantic liner Lake Superior arrived at Halifax at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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ENGINEERS, FOUNDERS AND BOILER MAKERS.
MARINE IRON WORKS—Andrew Gray, Engineers, Founders, Boiler Makers, Pembroke street, near Store street. Works telephone 681, residence telephone 100.

SOCIETIES.
VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p. m.
B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

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Sterling Silver Novelties — The new and correct styles in Toilet Articles and Accessories, Desk Ornaments, etc.
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COMMENCING TO-DAY
SPECIAL SALE OF Trefousse Kid Gloves TO-DAY.
For Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
WE HAVE ARRANGED A
Sale of Jackets
100 New Jackets, were $10, have been marked.....$5.75
120 New Jackets, were $12.50 and $13.50, have been marked.....$7.75
On Friday and Saturday
We shall sell 165 Boys' Two-Piece Suits, 113 Norfolk Jacket Suits and 17 Three-Piece Suits; also 368 Pairs Men's Fine English Worsted and Tweed Pants.
These Suits and Pants are all new Fall Goods and made by the best maker in Canada, who was so busy that he could not turn out all his orders in time. This lot was made too late, hence our opportunity and your gain.
WE SHALL OFFER THEM AT LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL COST OF MANUFACTURE.
Particulars in Thursday's Times.
Toys are shown on the Second Floor. Bring the Children to see them.

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FIVE ROSES AND PATENT BRANDS. Best in the world. Always Demand it.

VICTORIA THEATRE.
Wednesday, Dec. 5th.
"WHY SMITH LEFT HOME"
BY GEO. S. BROADHURST.
Author of "The House That Jack Built," "What Happened to Jones," "The Wrong Mr. Wright," etc.
Four Months at Strand Theatre, London. Three Months at Madison Square Theatre, New York.
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COAL OIL $1 35
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WANTED—A bright young girl, about 14 years, to learn hair work, etc. Apply Mrs. Kosche, 55 Douglas street.

WANTED—At once, a respectable boy. Apply 81 Douglas street.

WANTED—Position in studio or machine shop, by all around photographer and mechanical draughtsman. Address "Draughtsman," Times Office.

WANTED—A good girl, to do plain cooking and assist with house work; two in family. Apply to 161 Vancouver street.

EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT wants set of books to keep in the evenings, or would accept good permanent position. Address D. T., Times Office.

GRADUATE OF THE O. C. P., holding the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy, desires a position; having had four years' experience in an Ontario city and one as manager of drug store, can furnish recommendations. Address L. H. T., 129 Dominion Hotel, City.

WANTED—To buy, 1,000 lbs. good feathers. Sanitary Steam Feather Renovator, corner Fort and Blanchard streets.

WANTED—A good cook (white). Apply to Mrs. H. D. Helmcken.

VICTORIA JUNK AGENCY—Highest spot cash paid for old copper, brass, zinc, lead, scrap iron, rope, rubber and coal oil cans. B. Aaronson, Agent, 30 Store street, Victoria, B. C.

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FOR SALE—Eight roomed house, with four improved lots, good location; $2,100, one-fourth cash, balance at 6 per cent. Heisterman & Co.

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FOR SALE—"Oak Farm," Lake District, 6 miles from Victoria, on West Saanich road, comprising 51 acres, nearly all cultivated, and good buildings. For further particulars apply to John Black, on premises.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—Sable collie pup, yesterday afternoon, from the house, Cadboro Bay road, near Junction. Person returning same to McDonald's Grocery, Oak Bay Junction, will be rewarded. M. C. Austin.

STRAYED—From Market street, 1 white cow, about 3 years old. Finder kindly return to V. & S. Station, Hillside Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RECITAL—"The Christmas Carol," by Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A., assisted by Miss McEwen, Miss Millar, Miss King, the Misses Kettle and the Calvary Quartette, Calvary Baptist church, Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 8 p. m. Collection.

GRAND MASQUERADE BALL will be given in Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, Wednesday, Dec. 5th. Special train will leave Hillside avenue 8 p. m. sharp. Fare, 50c., including admission.

DR. GOLSTON, EXPERT CHIROPODIST, cures corns, bunions and ingrowing nails without pain. Parlors, No. 3 and 4 Clarence hotel.

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DANCING CLASS—Monday and Thursday evenings, 50c., in Philharmonic Hall. Prof. A. C. Beech.

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CHOICE NEW FRENCH PRUNES, 5c. lb., 21 lbs.....$1 00
Flour is Down
For some unknown reason the price of flour is lower.
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OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN, per sk...$1 35
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We have a full line at right prices.
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SEEDED RAISINS, 2 pkts.....25c.
LEMON PEEL, New .....15c. lb.
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SUGAR-CURED HAM .....15c. lb.
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RIMOUSKI MINK COLLARS	9 00
RIMOUSKI MINK COLLARS	11 00
RED FOX SCARFS, with large head	11 50
ALASKA SABLE SCARFS, with large head	12 75
HANDSOME MINK COLLARS, with six tails	14 00
STONE MARTEN COLLARS, with two heads and real tails	24 00
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 4.—5 a. m.—The barometer remains high over the greater part of the Pacific slope, its centre at Baker City, Oregon, reading 30.40. Rain has fallen in the southern part of the province, and in Oregon and Washington. Neah Bay reporting a heavy fall of 1.40 inches during the last 24 hours. An area of low barometric pressure extends from the Pacific through the upper part of the province and the adjoining Territories to the western limits of Ontario. West of the Rockies the weather continues fair and moderately cold.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate winds, chiefly easterly and southerly, mostly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 47; minimum, 45; wind, calm; rain, .49; weather, rain.

New Westminster — Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 50; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .68; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

Str. Rosalie runs daily to Seattle. $1.00 round trip. For 30 days.

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—The usual monthly consecration meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church was held last night. There was a fairly good attendance and a profitable time was enjoyed.

—Lovers of Dickens will be interested in the recital in Calvary Baptist church to-night when the pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, will present "The Christmas Carol." In addition, musical selections will be rendered by Miss McEwen, Miss Millar, Miss King, the Misses Kettle and the Calvary quartette.

—There was quite a lively time at the tramway car sheds on Saturday night. One of the motormeers neglected to turn off the current when he housed his car for the night, with the result that some of the wires were burned out, and the woodwork on the car scorched. One of the vestibuled cars was placed on the run instead of the injured one, which is now undergoing repairs in consequence of the accident.

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—The funeral of the late John Hayes took place from W. J. Hanna's parlors on Saturday afternoon.

Everybody travels on the Fast Steamer Rosalie. Follow the crowd

—In the account of the presentation to Dr. Higgins in yesterday's issue, it should have been stated that Captain Gould, not Captain Gaudin, made the presentation.

—The department of agriculture is about to institute proceedings against farmers in the upper country who have imported fruit trees from Ontario without inspection.

—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Hewett, Metchosin, on Sunday last. The contracting parties were Miss Jane Theodora Bale, niece of Mr. Hewitt, and Wm. Osborne Sweatman.

Str. Rosalie. Fare 50c to Seattle

—A business meeting of the officers of the Centennial Methodist church will be held to-morrow evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Christmas Sunday school entertainment.

—For the convenience of those attending the hockey club dance, to be held at the Dallas hotel to-night, the Street Railway Company will run a special late service. Cars will run to all points of the city and Esquimalt.

—Don't fail to take in the Grand Prize drawing for the six lb. fruit cake and the display of fine Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery, 122 Yates street. J. C. Darling, Proprietor.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Wholesale or retail, by sack or gallon. Apply New England Hotel.

—V. L. Mogford, of the Queen's hotel, recently received a letter from his brother, L. Mogford, dated Johannesburg, October 12th, in which he say that things are looking up there, and that times are better now than they ever were before the war commenced.

—A sale of work is being held in Semple's hall by the ladies of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, to-night under the patronage of Sir Henri Joly and Lady Joly, Col. Grant, R. E., and Mrs. Grant, Mayor Hayward and Mrs. Hayward, and Bishop and Mrs. Perrin. The affair is for the purpose of raising funds for a new pipe organ. The sale opened at 3 p.m.

Str. "Sehome," fare to Seattle 50c. $1.00 return for 30 days. Berths, 25c.

—In this issue Architect F. M. Rattenbury is calling for tenders for the erection of another handsome block of buildings in the city. The site of these new buildings, which are designed principally for lawyers' offices, will be at the corner of Baston and Langley streets. The block will be three stories in height, of pressed brick and terra cotta. Among the conveniences will be six vaults, hot water heatings, etc. The building is being put up by a Vancouver gentleman, for whom the E. C. Land & Investment Company is acting.

—Seats for the great variety entertainment to be given to-night by the Ocean Rovers in the A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home are on sale at the hall this evening. The concert is under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Premier Dunsmuir, Mayor Hayward, Capt. Fleet and Capt. Walker. In addition to a number of selections by navy men, including musical numbers by members of the Warspite band, a three-act drama, written by a bluejacket, and entitled "The Queen's Diamond," will be presented.

—The Ministerial Association held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, President Hastings presiding. After the ordinary preliminaries committees were appointed to arrange for a week of prayer and to consider the question of inaugurating a mass meeting of praise and thanksgiving on the first day of the new century. It is desired to make the meeting inter-denominational, and to secure the largest public building available. The meeting passed a resolution deprecating the prevalence of gambling, and the attention of the authorities will be directed to the evil. Regret was expressed at the illness of Dr. Campbell. Rev. W. L. Clay pronounced the benediction.

—Superfluous hair moles and facial blemishes removed by electrolysis, room No. 2, 114 Yates street.

Just received direct from England, a complete stock of Hockey Sticks, Footballs, Walking Sticks, etc., at Henry Short & Sons.

—Holiday Toy Books, Christmas Cards, from 5c. per dozen, at Johnston's, Douglas street.

—The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending December 4th were $647,306, balances, $297,461.

—A social dance will be held by the Companions of the Forest on Thursday next, in the Sir William Wallace hall.

—A sum of money, which was found at Rhody's swamp, Sooke road, on Saturday last, awaits its owner at the provincial police office.

—The Christmas examinations of the Collegiate schools commenced yesterday, and on Thursday, December 13th, the closing exercises will be held, and the school closed for Christmas holidays.

—One of the police constables yesterday picked up on Bay street a package bearing the address of C. E. Lawson, of this city. It was transmitted from Glasgow, England. The parcel is at the police station.

—At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society, held last evening, R. E. Gosnell moved some important amendments to the society's constitution, which were all, with slight alterations, carried.

—Selecting Christmas presents is always a difficulty. Kodaks and finishing outfits make appropriate gifts. We have them, for beginners, from $1.00. Best quality kodaks, $8.00 to $25.00. Fleming Bros., 52 Government street.

—Workmen commenced this morning macadamizing Douglas street from Yates to Fisguard, between the street railway tracks, and for a space on each side. This will be for the winter, the sum of $500 having been appropriated for the purpose.

—The entertainment held last evening in the Odd Fellow's hall under the auspices of the young people of the Knox Presbyterian church was a great success. The different selections on the programme were much appreciated, and almost every number received an encore. The piece most enjoyed, however, was the "Quaker Proposal," by Mr. Kinnaird and Miss Hunt. The children gave several drills, and a farce entitled "Topsy Turvy," by some of the young ladies of the church created much laughter.

—December 21st has been chosen as the date of the Fifth Regiment ball. The number of invitations will be limited strictly to a total of 1,500. Each member of the regiment is entitled to a pass for himself and three invitations for friends. Applications for same will be received every evening after December 4th till the lists are closed by the secretary at the drill hall. The committees are now hard at work, and the members of the regiment at large are reminded that any assistance they can give is expected, and will be acceptable.

—The following donations are acknowledged with thanks by the managing committee of the Home for Aged and Infirm Women, McLure street: Lady Henri Joly, pears and apples; Dunsmuir & Co., coal; Mowat & Wallace, groceries; Mrs. Blythe, bread and preserves; Mrs. Becker, pears; Ladies' Auxiliary Jubilee hospital, bread, tea and coffee; Mrs. A. Townsend, clothing; Mr. Sharp, hanging curtains; Mrs. Keab, clothing; Mrs. Wise, magazines; Mrs. West, magazines; Mrs. Tite, pickels; Mrs. Roblin, magazines and clothing; Mrs. Chas. Kent, pair blankets; Mrs. Goodacre, curtain poles and rings; Mr. J. Booth, hall lamp; Mrs. I. A. Gould, cash, $5; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

—Two agitations presided over by the returning officer recently disturbed the equanimity of the citizens of Victoria, and now looming up on the horizon is the shadow of the municipal elections. This particular shadow, at present no larger than a man's hand, will increase in dimensions as January 17th or thereabouts approaches, while in the interim there is considerable speculation as to what the personnel of the city council for 1900 will consist of. It is still somewhat early to prognosticate, but in a few weeks' time the election seer, who is as ubiquitous as the poundkeeper, will have full scope for a demonstration of his occult gift of prophecy. Several of the city fathers, when accosted on the subject of their candidature at the approaching contest, were non-committal. In the opinion of some, this year's council will have what the small boy calls a snap at the polls, owing to the great amount of improvement inaugurated by it this year. At the same time it is understood that quiet canvassing is being prosecuted, and some dark horses may appear in the lists which will make the coming elections interesting indeed.

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THE PASSING THRONG.

Arrivals of the Day at City Hotels—Gossip of the Corridors.

Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, is touring the Mainland, looking into the needs of the different districts, preparatory to the next session of the legislature. Up country papers associate his name with the portfolio of finance when Mr. Turner vacates the office, as it is believed he will before the session opens.

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Wm. Pigoot, W. M. Mackintosh and M. R. Rogers, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Victoria. They are bound for the Mount Sicker mines to look at that property with the intention of purchasing an interest in it.

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Among the passengers on the steamer bound for the Mainland last evening was F. C. Gamble, chief engineer of the department of public works, who is on his way to Rossland on business in connection with the department he represents.

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G. A. Smith, of Alberni, is a guest at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Smith has been in Alberni for the last three months surveying.

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Capt. Thomas Foster arrived on the steamer Yosemite from Vancouver last evening.

J. W. Mellor was among the arrivals from the Sound yesterday.

Mrs. Gordon Hunter came over from the Sound yesterday.

Thos. Jackson, a mining man of Alberni, is at the Victoria.

R. Porter was an arrival from Vancouver last evening.

J. F. Foulkes came over from the Sound yesterday.

D. Carmody came over from Seattle yesterday.

WHISKEY AND MORPHINE HABITS.

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—It is rumored that Seymour Hastings O'Dell, who recently returned from South Africa, is to receive a clerkship in the treasury department, made vacant by promotion resulting through the death of Deputy Treasurer Flett. This is the second of the contingent to receive a government post, Pte. Carter having received an appointment in the police force.

Go to the Dance, Agricultural Hall, Saanich, to-morrow night. Train leaves Hillside Ave. at 8 p. m. Fare 50c.

—Steamer Walla Walla is due from San Francisco to-morrow morning. Steamer City of Puebla will sail for the Golden Gate to-morrow evening.

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Salt Spring Island Resident Sentenced By Mr. Justice Drake.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Drake delivered judgment in the well known case of Bullock vs. Collins, and sentenced the defendant to imprisonment for nine months in the common jail.

The case arose out of a judgment for $4,329.23 and costs to the amount of $258.86, obtained in October. The learned judge, in delivering his sentence, said he believed the debt had been incurred by fraud.

Both of the parties to the suit live in Salt Spring Island, where Bullock owns an estate. Some time ago he went to England leaving Collins the management of his place, the hiring and payment of the men, etc. It was for failure to render proper account for the sum mentioned above that the action was instituted. Both parties are prominent men in the Island, and the residents there were divided into two camps according to their sympathies with the respective parties to the suit.

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It's not too early for Christmas buying. Holiday stocks are now at their best, while choosing is much easier and more satisfactory than it will be in a couple of weeks, when the holiday rush begins in earnest.

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McCLURE'S FOR DECEMBER.

The curious charm of the East holds every imaginative mind that from afar dreams of its mysteries. The like charm interpreted in part by experience, yet only the more subtly persistent, dominates those that have dwelt long in the Orient. In this treasure-field lie richest gems, as well of realism as of romance, ready for that author who has the art for their setting. Rudyard Kipling won his first fame by short stories of life in India, stories at times tragically prosaic, at times marvelous and mystical, always pregnant with force. And now again Kipling has chosen India as the theme of his maturest work. In McClure's Magazine for December appears the first instalment of "Kim," the latest and the most important novel from Kipling's pen. From the beginning it reveals itself as a masterpiece, worthy alike of its theme and of its author.

But "Kim" is not the sole feature of prime literary importance in the December issue of McClure's Magazine. Anthony Hope there begins a series that will be welcomed by every wise reader. The "Dolly Dialogues" won for this brilliant writer his first prestige. The "Dolly" of those beguiling conversations was an artist's creation, a personality absolutely new in literature, yet true, living. That daintiest and most delicious of modern matrons was beloved by all for her piquant graces, her adorable minglings of naivete and worldly wisdom. Now the author permits us new glimpses of this delectable lady, and in "More Dolly Dialogues" her witcheries reassert their gentle sway.

An article of permanent value in this issue is the first of two in which are related "The Last Days of the Confederate Government." This was written by the late Stephen R. Mallory, secretary of the navy in the Confederate government. He shared in the experiences of the administration during the closing days of the war and his personal narrative of those thrilling times is here given.

There are, too, some notable short stories in this issue, and the illustrations throughout are of exceptional merit. The drawings for "Kim" are by Lockwood Kipling, the author's father, and Edwin Lord Weeks. Howard Chandler Christy illustrates the "Dolly Dialogues," and Howard Pyle a poem, "The Turn of the Glass."

Sporting News

BASKET BALL.

GETTING INTO TRIM.

The Bays are going to make a determined effort to win their game against Seattle Y. M. C. A. at the drill hall on Friday evening, and not Saturday, as was stated in last evening's paper. At present the Seattle team holds the championship of the Pacific Northwest, and they are practicing hard to retain it.

As will be remembered, the Bays were defeated last week by the Seattle team by three points, and the local team will have to defeat them by more than three points before they are able to claim the championship. The Bays have been practicing regularly since they returned from Seattle, and last evening was no exception. They had a team of six lined up against them, and were given a hard 40 minutes' game. Trainer Watson has taken hold of the team, and says that the boys will be able to play the game of their lives on Friday evening, and if they don't win it won't be through neglecting practices. This evening the Bays will play against a team captained by R. Schwengers, and a lively game is anticipated. Visitors will be allowed in the club room any night this week to watch the boys practice. The team to represent the club will be chosen to-morrow evening, and among those trying for a place are: M. Finlaison, W. Stephen, H. Galbraith, J. W. Lorimer, M. Cuzner, H. Wilson, A. E. Belfry and H. Jesse.

This evening D. O'Sullivan will referee the game, and S. Lowe and A. C. Anderson will act as umpires.

LACROSSE.

TOUR TO THE ANTIPODES.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—There is considerable interest at present in Vancouver over the much talked of Australian tour of the Canadian Lacrosse Club, and efforts are being made to have the Dominion government appropriate $2,000 towards the expense. Should this be secured, in addition to the $6,000 guaranteed by the lacrosse associations of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, it is considered by those engineering the scheme that it would be safe to pick the representative Canadian players from all parts of Canada and make the contemplated tour, if not in 1901, in the following year. In the meantime Mr. H. H. Allingham, the father of the scheme, has been sending numerous letters to lacrosse enthusiasts throughout the Dominion, and has aroused much interest in the project.

SKATING.

THE AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Montreal is to get the next meeting of the Amateur Skating Association of America in 1901.

CITY POUND.

To the Editor:—I chanced to pick up one of your daily papers a week or so ago, and, owing to living out in the country, perhaps it is the only one I have had an opportunity of seeing during the past year. Glancing through it, I caught sight of an advertisement of a sale of two heifers from the city pound, to be sold in town, and no mention made at all of the sale in your weekly issue, which proves very unjust to the farmer, who was undoubtedly the owner of the cattle.

Is it possible that the poundmaster can form an opinion that cattle stray out of the store of a grocer or draper?

Should the poundmaster prove so ignorant, allow me to inform him that cattle stray from the country, and to give justice to the owner, who well earns his stock by the time it matures, the least he can do is to advertise the sale of same in the country papers.

The matter is being felt and expressed around the country that we need a little more local news in our weekly papers.

I take both the Times and the Colonist and can safely say that we receive more local news and a more regular market quotation in the Times than in the Colonist, and it is to be hoped that we shall receive as much of the news of the outside world as possible, for, living as we are so far from town and hearing little during the week but the moo of a cow and the grunt of a hog, we eagerly look forward for our weekly papers.

A little court news is highly appreciated as long as we hear the whole case, but to only receive a part of a case, just sufficient to make it interesting and to cause us to long for the hearing of the adjourned case, and to receive no more news of the case in our weekly, as sometimes does occur, is worse than no news at all.

H. T. OLDFIELD.

FOR AUXILIARY MACHINERY.

The amount of coal used by the auxiliary machinery on board ship has always been known to be good proportion of the total consumed, and it has been recognized as well that condensation in long lines of steam pipes to different parts of a vessel accounted for much of the fuel.

To how much this may amount may be gathered from particulars given by Sir John Durston, engineer-in-chief of the British navy, of trials of the British ship Diadem, according to which the running of one main feed pump, one blowing engine, one auxiliary circulator, one electric light engine, and two distillery pumps consumed coal at the rate of 6.1 tons per day when two extreme forward boilers were used, or 3.88 tons when two extreme after boilers were employed. The same machines, with the addition of two evaporators, working compound, consumed 8.8 tons of coal per day when supplied by the forward boilers, and 7.09 tons when supplied by the after boilers. That is, the length of steam pipe between the forward and after boilers accounted for 2.12 tons of coal per day in the first trial, and for 1.71 tons in the second.

Again, it has been found that in the Japanese battleship Shikishima it takes from three and one-half to five tons of coal to run for 18 hours a day an engine of 65 indicated horse power situated 100 feet away from the boiler, the total range of steam pipe connected being 500 feet to 600 feet. This works out to from seven pounds to ten pounds of coal per indicated horse power, of which more than half must have been used in keeping the pipes warm. Figures of this kind have naturally been among the heavyweight arguments of the advocates of electrical equipments for naval auxiliary machinery. They are undoubtedly suggestive of some possible and very telling economies.—Cassier's Magazine.

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Dated this 27th day of October, 1900.

WM. MORTIMER CLARK, Solicitor for the Applicants; F. B. GREGORY, Parliamentary Agent.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf erected by The Brackman-Ker Milling Company, Limited, on and opposite the piece of land forming part of Section thirty (30) Beckley Farm, Victoria City, situate on Victoria Harbor, of which they are the registered owners. A plan of the site, with a description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D. 1900.

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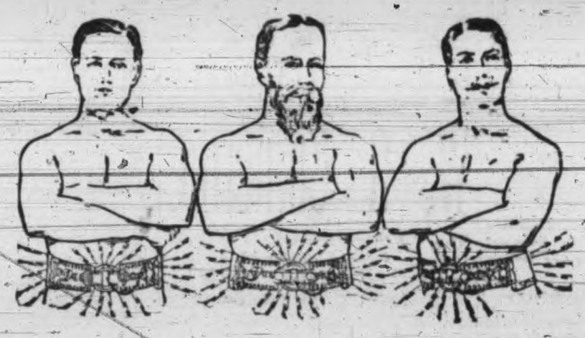

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NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner, Lulu and Islands—Tuesday and Friday at 7 a. m. Leave New Westminster for Victoria and Way Ports—Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a. m.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate points, via Vancouver, 1st and 15th of each month at 11 p. m.

ALASKA ROUTE.

Steamships of this company will leave every Wednesday, via Vancouver, for Wrangel and Skagway at 8 p. m.

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FOR ALASKA.

LEAVE SEATTLE 9 P.M.

Cottage City, Dec. 11, 26, Jan. 10, 25, Feb. 9.

City of Topeka, Dec. 4, 16, 31, Jan. 15, 30, Feb. 14.

Al-Ki, Dec. 6, 21, Jan. 5, 20, Feb. 4.

The steamer Cottage City only, will leave Victoria for Alaska at 6 a. m., Dec. 12, 27, Jan. 11, 26, Feb. 10.

For further information obtain folder.

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On and after Sunday, January 14th, 1900, the trains leaving Union Station, Toronto, (via Grand Trunk Railway), at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., make close connections with the Maritime Express and Local Express at Bonaventure depot, Montreal, as follows:

The Maritime Express will leave Montreal daily, except on Sunday, at 11:30 a. m. for Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., and points in the Maritime Provinces. Sunday's train will leave Montreal at 11:55 a. m.

The Maritime Express from Halifax, St. John and other points East will arrive at Montreal daily, except on Monday, at 5:30 p. m.

The Local Express will leave Montreal daily, except Sunday, at 7:40 a. m. due to arrive at Riviere du Loup at 6:00 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Riviere du Loup daily, except Sunday, at 12:00 noon, and Level at 4:35 p. m., due to arrive at Montreal at 10:10 p. m.

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Effective Sunday, October 21st, 1900.

TRAIN NO. 33 (NIGHT TRAIN).

Leave Spokane ..... 10:45 p.m.
Leave Northport ..... 5:50 a.m.
Arrive Rossland ..... 7:30 a.m.

TRAIN NO. 34 (NIGHT TRAIN).

Leave Rossland ..... 11:00 p.m.
Leave Northport ..... 12:45 a.m.
Arrive Spokane ..... 7:05 a.m.

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Lv. 12:15 p.m.	Bennett	Ar. 1:25 p.m.
Lv. 2:00 p.m.	Caribou	Ar. 11:33 a.m.
Ar. 4:35 p.m.	White Horse	Lv. 9:00 a.m.

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Leave Victoria at.....7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
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Leave Victoria at.....7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday.—Leave Sidney at 8 a. m., calling at Fulford, Ganges, Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna and Sidney.

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Corinthian	Dec. 1	Direct.
Parisian	Dec. 6	Dec. 7
Tunisian	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
Dominion Line.	**Fr. Portland.**	**Fr. Halifax.**
Dominion	Dec. 8	Direct.
Cambroman	Dec. 18	Direct.
Vancouver	Dec. 29	Direct.
Beaver Line.	**Fr. St. John.**	**Fr. Halifax.**
Lake Megantic	Nov. 30	Dec. 31
Lake Superior	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
Lake Erie	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
		Fr. Boston.
New England—Dominion Line		Dec. 5
Commonwealth—Dominion Line		Dec. 12

FROM NEW YORK.

Californian—Allan-State Line	Dec. 1
Sardinian—Allan-State Line	Dec. 8
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Etruria—Cunard Line	Dec. 8
Oceanic—White Star Line	Dec. 4
Teutonic—White Star Line	Dec. 5
Germanic—White Star Line	Dec. 12
St. Louis—American Line	Dec. 5
New York—American Line	Dec. 12
Deutschland—Ham.-American Line	Dec. 12
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E. & N. RAILWAY

Time Table, No. 39.

In Effect Saturday, October 13th, 1900.

North Bound.

	Daily. A.M.	Sat. & Sun. P.M.
Leave Victoria	9:00	3:10
Leave Shawnigan Lake	10:15	4:25
Leave Duncans	10:56	5:03
Leave Chemainus	11:27	5:33
Leave Ladysmith	11:47	5:53
	P.M.	P.M.
Leave Nanaimo	12:45	6:45
Arrive Wellington	1:00	7:00

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"Was it in the chamber of horrors?"

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mayor J. G. Scott was yesterday elected chief magistrate by acclamation. For the seven seats at the aldermanic board, the nominees are: B. W. Shiles, George Adams, W. H. Forester, A. M. Herring, W. A. Johnson, N. Sinclair, W. A. Handcock, J. C. Brown, Thos. Ovens, A. E. Woods, W. H. Keary, J. A. Calbrick and Jos. Jaegers.

At a meeting of the A and B Companies' Association, the principal matter under discussion was the reception to be tendered the local members of the First Canadian Contingent to South Africa. The matter having been fully debated it was decided that the companies shall parade and meet their returning comrades on their arrival, escorting them to the Armories, where they will be welcomed by the citizens, presented with addresses, etc. To avoid clashing with the civic arrangement, a committee of officers was appointed to interview the city council and co-operate with them in arranging the details, which, doubtless, will include a torchlight parade, or some other popular demonstration. On the following evening, or as soon thereafter as possible, the members of the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles will tender their hero comrades a purely military banquet, similar to that on the eve of their departure for Africa. At this banquet each of the returned volunteers will be presented with a gold watch, suitably inscribed.

Some other matters were touched upon, and, incidentally, it developed that satisfactory progress was being made toward the scheme for organizing a new battalion of Rifles. If this be done, a third company will be organized here, and Westminster will become the headquarters and the residence of the staff officers, etc. There will probably be seven or eight companies, possibly two in Nanaimo, one in Ladner, one in Chilliwack, three at New Westminster and possibly one or two from other sections of the district.

VANCOUVER.

A sailor named Hulbart was roughly handled by alleged highwaymen on Sunday night. He was seized from behind by two men, and an attempt was made to throw him down and go through his pockets. Being a strong man, he fought with his assailants, and seizing one of them was dragging him into a nearby saloon, when another man ran out of the saloon and appeared to help his assailants. He then ran away. One man has been arrested.

Arrangements are being completed for the dedication of the magnificent new Roman Catholic church just erected at Vancouver. It takes place on Sunday next. Seats are being sold to the public, to witness the imposing ceremony, and the proceeds of the sale will go towards the building fund.

AROUSED AT LAST

To the terrible ravages of consumption in Ontario, the government is petitioned to establish hospitals for consumptives. As a preventative to consumption there is no treatment to be compared to Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, which promptly and effectually cures every cough and cold. It has by far the largest sale of any remedy for throat and lung troubles. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents. All dealers.

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JAP NATURALIZATION.

Alleged That Orientals Abuse the Provisions of the Law.

The trouble which has arisen in Vancouver over the ruling of Chief Justice McColl that naturalized Japs are entitled to exercise the franchise, has caused a general protest against the readiness with which the little brown men are admitted even to the rights of naturalization. Some debate arose in the legislature at its last session over this very point, and the little difficulty at Vancouver and the trouble which threatens to occur, should the Asiatics seek to exercise the franchise, has resulted in the whole question being re-opened.

The charge is made that some of the justices of the peace are altogether too lax in this matter, and allow the men to become naturalized merely upon taking the oath that they have been resident in the country for the required number of years, and without showing their passports. Some of the officials even admit that they believe fraud is being practised by the Japs, but that they cannot prove it. Those who leave the country, it is said, pass on their papers to some countryman who has not resided in the province long enough to be entitled to the privilege of naturalization.

It is also contended by those familiar with the working of the act that the system of paying these magistrates by fees is a vicious one, and has a tendency to make them less exacting than they would otherwise be in admitting these people to the rights of citizenship.

The naturalization law was purposely framed in a most liberal way, the only actual requirement being that the applicant should satisfy the officer to whom he applied for admission of his right to citizenship. It was evidently the intention of the authors of the law to make the act so wide and liberal in its terms that there would be no difficulty encountered by those who desired to become British subjects. It is quite clear that no such contingency as the present was contemplated, as the following paragraph from the act clearly shows:

"The alien shall adduce in support of such application such evidence of his residence or service and intention to reside and serve as the person before whom he takes the oath aforesaid requires; and such person on being satisfied with such evidence and that the alien is of good character shall grant a certificate."

The procedure is simply that the applicant states that he has resided in the country three years, subscribes the oath of allegiance and declares his intention when naturalized to reside in Canada.

It is contended by those who have studied the matter that the difficulty would at least be partially met by requiring all immigrants from Oriental countries to file their passports showing the date upon which they reached Canada, the customs officers marking each of the passports as the immigrants land by numbers. These passports could be retained by the officer who naturalized the Japs, and they could not therefore be employed by any other Oriental.

Until some such efficient measures are taken to prevent the wholesale naturalization of these foreigners, it is believed that continual advantage will be taken by them of the laxity of the regulations to procure fraudulent naturalization.

B. C. ORPHANAGE.

Satisfactory Progress Reported at a Meeting of the Committee Yesterday.

The ladies' committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage held its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Home. The report of the visiting committee for the month was adopted, an application from a city dealer for a share of the custom of the establishment was referred to the house committee, and applications for two children were sent to the reception committee for report. To the latter committee also went a communication applying for the admission of two children to the Home.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. St. George for the care of her children, while votes of thanks were passed by the board to the E. & N. railway and the V. & S. railway for free transportation of donations, and to Thomas Alexander for free cartage of the same.

The Christmas festivities and tree will be held at the Home on the 27th. Donations to these are earnestly requested. Mrs. W. R. Higgins and Miss Edith Carr were appointed visitors for the month.

M. E. Mainguy, of Westholme, apprised the board that the farmers there were forwarding supplies by the E. & N., and expressed regret that owing to the cut worm ravages these were not so plentiful as usual. Those who had no vegetables to spare had donated cash, as follows: Thomas Windsor, $2; Henry Fry, $2; a King's Daughter, $1. These gifts were heartily acknowledged.

The matron reported that Dr. Carter had successfully removed a growth from the throat of Sammy Belton, and that she had secured a bargain in twenty pairs of children's shoes at fifty cents each. She acknowledged the following donations for the month:

Mrs. P. C. MacGregor, clothing; Miss Merritt, maps, toys, etc.; Reformed Church Christian Endeavor, illustrated paper; Mrs. E. C. Renouf, clothing; Mrs. Fred. Davies, clothing and apples; Mrs. R. E. Knowles, clothing; Mr. Martin, sack of apples, two cans coffee; Mrs. Curwen, music box and books; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, clothing; A Friend, clothing; Mrs. Charles Kent, wire flower stand and clothing; Mrs. William Angus, clothing and rubber boots; Mrs. Shakespeare, clothing; Mrs. William Gill, clothing; Mr. Newbigging, sharpening saw; Master Victor Levy, overcoat and toque; Mrs. P. AE. Irving, clothing and boots; Mrs. McNaughton Jones, 15 sailor caps; Stoneyhurst Working Party, per Mrs. Harvey, 16 serge dresses, 5 night dresses, 1 shirt and 1 pair drawers; Mrs. Green, parcel of clothing; Mr. A. G. Wrigley, 12 boxes apples and pears; Mr. James Todd, 2 sacks potatoes, 1 sack pears and 2 boxes apples; Mr. Jack, dripping and basket onions; Boys' Brotherhood Club, cakes and fruit syrup; Mrs. Hartman, clothing and boots; Mrs. Cogan (Sooke road), 1 barrel flour and 2 sacks carrots; Mr. Samuel Roberts (Sidney), 1 box pears, 1 box apples and 2 sacks potatoes; Mr. King, cartage; Mr. King (Cedar Hill), literature; Mrs. Erb, 2 sacks apples; 110 Michigan Street, clothing, hats, etc.; Mr. S. M. Robins, 6 tons coal; Colonist and Times, daily papers; Mrs. Bradley-Dyne, cash, $5; Cash, $1; E. M. Skinner (Quamichan), Mrs. William Skinner ("The Cliffs," Duncan), Mrs. E. Musgrave, Mrs. J. N. Evans, Mrs. W. H. Elkington, 3 boxes apples, 1 box pears, 1 sack flour and 1½ tons assorted vegetables and fruit; Mrs. Samuel Roberts (Sidney), fruit; Mrs. Ashdowne Green (Duncan), vegetables.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Sehome from the Sound—A Cook, B S Hamsburg, Jas Rayner, J Clifford, T Bondor, D G McGregor, A H Boylan, Geo McLeod, L Bachelor, E Jones, Miss Beach, Mrs Puffer, A Paterson and wife, Mrs Reldice, T Martin, A Baker, H S Smith, J Tavner.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—J W Mellor, Miss Van Telsey, Miss Webb, J F Foulkes, Miss Rand, D Carmody, Mrs G Hunter, Miss Doyle, A B Sharp, A Fleming, A J Kumsey, Mrs Kumsey, J L Jerrott, W Zilsell, V A Guion, C Anderson, Mrs Seeley, G B Johnson, J Briggs, F Housley, W Godfrey, J B St Louis, W T Doers, D R Merrill, C H Jones, V A Carlston, Mrs Carlston, M Ognez, Agnes Cuthone, A Garcia, Mrs Carlston; E Gonn, Miss Ross, Miss Hall, Miss Baron; W Pigott, F Kendall, jr, G Kelly, A Grice, M K Rogers, W McIntosh, S A Campbell, L Rogers, C A Cook, Wm Price, Mrs Price, Mrs C Price, Master Price, W B O'Brien.

Per steamer Yosemite from Vancouver—R Porter, J Keith, B Hutcheson, Capt Thos Foster, Jno Lawless, J McConnell, E Lowless, Mrs McRae, Miss Monsell, W Estes, A H Beedy, G Luxton, Mrs Scott, E Evans, R Stuart, Eugene Pott, E Cawley, T F Monypenny, A Emerson, R Emerson, F Eubank, J Genell.

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Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Hutcheson Co, D Spencer, H C Beeton, C Kosche, R P Rithet & Co, S J Pitts, R Croft, Erskine, W & Co, W A Jameson, Saunders G Co, T N Hibben & Co, Hinton E Co, Shawnigan L L Co, Weeks & Robson, J Hurst.

DR WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP

This season of the year when coughs and colds are so prevalent, it would be advisable to keep a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house.

It allays all inflammation and irritation of the breathing organs, and cures coughs and colds of young and old more quickly and effectually than any other remedy.

Mrs. Arthur Molaskey, White's Point, Queen's Co., N.B., writes: "In the fall of 1899, I was taken down with a severe attack of La Grippe, which left me with a bad cough. I tried several remedies and could obtain no relief and was almost in despair of a cure when a friend advised me to take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I took three bottles in all and it made a complete cure."

Mining News

Consolidated Cariboo.

The Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, of Bullion, B. C., has closed down for the season, and its latest product, $63,087, the result of the last 28 days' work, was last week shipped from Ashcroft to New York, via Toronto.

The first clean-up of this season was early in August and amounted to $135,275, the product of 62 days' washing.

The second clean-up, 68 days later, produced $154,765. The total output of this great gold mine for the season of 1900 is therefore $353,237, and this has been saved in 158 days, an average of $2,230 every day the water was turned on.

It must be remembered, however, that piping was suspended 24 days in the last part of the season owing to the lack of supplies, which it was impossible to get in because of the bad condition of the roads. The 24 days lost would have added $53,520 more of the precious stuff and made the sum total $406,648.

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Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1900," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot. 1	Block 2	Section. 3	Lands and Improvements 4	Assessed Owner. 5	Registered Owner. 6	Total Amount of Taxes due to the 31st Dec. 1899, unpaid 30th Nov. 1900 7	Collector's Commission and Contingent expenses of sale 8	In. 9	Total Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs. 10
16	12		L	John Fraser	John Fraser	$ 93 60	7 85	16 84	118 29
79	20		L & I	John Mortimer	John Mortimer	29 70	3 38	5 34	38 42
9 of 178-79	1		L & I	Mrs. D. Fasanaro	Dominic Fasanaro	39 15	4 04	7 02	50 21
E. ½ 287	15		L & I	S. Anderson	N. H. Van Buren	23 40	2 94	4 20	30 54
13 of 602-3	M		L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	21 60	2 81	3 88	28 29
14 of 602-3	M		L & I	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	26 10	3 12	4 68	33 90
5 of 618-19	M		L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	23 40	2 93	4 20	30 53
6 of 618-19	M		L & I	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	24 30	3 00	4 35	31 65
15 of 618-19	M		L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	14 40	2 31	2 59	19 30
16 of 618-19	M		L & I	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15 30	2 37	2 75	20 42
E. 1 ft. of 784	16		L	M. King	M. King & L. Casey	36	1 32	06	1 74
W 6 ft E ½ 378	J		L	Lucie Thiebault	Lucie Thiebault	2 16	1 45	36	3 97
942	42		L & I	Thos. C. Nuttall	Thos. C. Nuttall	27 00	3 19	4 85	35 04
943	42		L	Thos. C. Nuttall	Thos. C. Nuttall	18 00	2 56	3 24	23 80
944	42		L	Thos. C. Nuttall	Unregistered	18 00	2 56	3 24	23 80
991	9		L & I	Mrs. G. Lawrence	Geo. R. Lawrence	24 30	3 00	4 35	31 65
992	9		L & I	Mrs. G. Lawrence	Prosper Mene	17 10	2 50	3 07	22 67
994	9		L	G. R. Lawrence	Prosper Mene	16 20	2 43	2 90	21 53
997	17		L	Est. J. Montero	Joseph Montero	16 20	2 43	2 90	21 53
1007	17		L & I	Est. J. Montero	Joseph Montero	23 40	2 94	4 20	30 54
1026	Z		L	J. Bigni	Unregistered	18 00	2 56	3 24	23 80
1140	35		L & I	C. W. Jenkinson	Unregistered	38 85	4 02	7 06	49 90
1636	34		L & I	Alfred Williams	Robt. E. Jackson	14 86	2 34	2 66	19 86
1657	34		L & I	Alfred Williams	Robt. E. Jackson	20 24	2 72	3 64	26 60
1663	34		L	Alfred Williams	Robt. E. Jackson	11 70	2 12	2 10	15 92
S ½ 5 of 1770-71	61		L	Est. of Mrs. Snow	Unregistered	4 50	1 58	80	6 88
S 35 ft 6 1797-8	61		L	Est. of Mrs. Snow	Unregistered	5 22	1 66	94	7 82
S 2-3 7 of 1797-8	61		L	Est. of Mrs. Snow	Unregistered	6 00	1 72	1 08	8 80
1881	63		L	Mrs. E. Donald	Unregistered	18 00	2 56	3 24	23 80
1882	63		L & I	Mrs. E. Donald	Unregistered	25 20	3 06	4 53	32 79
W. 2-3 of 1883	63		L	Mrs. E. Donald	Unregistered	11 70	2 12	2 10	15 92
1		6	L & I	Mrs. S. M. Englehart	Wm. Wilson	85 30	7 27	15 30	107 87
2		6	L	Mrs. S. M. Englehart	Wm. Wilson	21 60	2 81	3 87	28 28
3		6	L	Mrs. S. M. Englehart	Wm. Wilson	21 60	2 81	3 87	28 28
S. ½ of 4		6	L	Mrs. S. M. Englehart	Wm. Wilson	10 80	2 06	1 94	14 80
2	1	Beckley Farm	L & I	F. T. Sherbourne	F. T. Sherbourne	32 40	3 57	5 80	41 77
16	6	Beckley Farm	L	A. C. West	A. C. West	8 10	1 87	1 45	11 42
17	6	Beckley Farm	L	A. C. West	A. C. West	12 60	2 18	2 27	17 05
6 of 3-4	18-19	Beckley Farm	L	Mrs. E. Thomas	Elizabeth Thomas	8 10	1 87	1 45	11 42
W. 10 ft. of 31	20	Beckley Farm	L	Fredk. McGraw	Fredk. McGraw	1 71	1 42	30	3 43
S. 51 ft. of 5	27	Beckley Farm	L & I	John Armstrong	John Armstrong	13 50	2 24	2 42	18 16
1	71 & 80	Fairfield	L & I	Lewis Levy	B. R. Bawkins	9 72	1 98	1 75	13 45
3	4	19	L & I	Hy. Saunders	Anthony Mouat	4 68	1 63	84	7 15
18	Chandler estate, 68		L	Wm. Pattison	J. D. Pemberton	4 32	1 60	77	6 69
35	4	74, map No. 363	L	J. A. Lawrence	George Jennings	4 32	1 60	78	6 70
36	4	74, map No. 363	L	J. A. Lawrence	George Jennings	4 32	1 60	78	6 70
44	4	74, map No. 363	L	J. A. Lawrence	George Jennings	4 32	1 60	78	6 70
45	4	74, map No. 363	L	J. A. Lawrence	George Jennings	4 32	1 60	78	6 70
35	5	74, map No. 259	L	Dr. L. Mackechnie	Euphemia Cline	3 24	1 53	58	5 35
36	5	74, map No. 259	L	Dr. L. Mackechnie	Euphemia Cline	3 24	1 53	58	5 35
37	5	74, map No. 259	L	Dr. L. Mackechnie	Euphemia Cline	3 60	1 55	65	5 80
38	5	74, map No. 259	L	Dr. L. Mackechnie	Euphemia Cline	3 60	1 55	65	5 80
9	5 acre lot 6		L	A. Pujol	A. Pujol	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
10	5 acre lot 6		L	A. Pujol	A. Pujol	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
5	South ½ 5 acre lot 7		L	Anthony D. Elliott	Anthony Elliott	14 40	2 30	2 58	19 28
13	South ½ 5 acre lot 7		L & I	Wm. Rendall	Wm. Rendall	18 90	2 62	3 40	24 92
E. 24 ft. of 8	5 acre lot 12		L	Mrs. J. McMillan	John McTeigh	6 12	1 73	1 10	8 95
Ctr. 23 ft. of 8	5 acre lot 12		L	Chas. McTeigh	John McTeigh	11 52	2 11	2 07	15 70
E. 4 ft. of 5	5 acre lot 12		L	P. L. McTeigh	John McTeigh	2 16	1 45	39	4 00
W. 19 ft. of 6	5 acre lot 12		L	P. L. McTeigh	John McTeigh	9 72	1 98	1 75	13 45
12	5 acre lot 17		L	M. King	Michael King	11 70	2 12	2 10	15 92
18	5 acre lot 19		L	Frank H. Curry	Frank H. Curry	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
20	5 acre lot 19		L	Joseph McTeigh	Unregistered	4 96	1 64	90	[illegible]
Two parts	2	Spring Ridge	L & I	J. H. Gray	Jno. H. Gray	43 20	4 32	7 75	55 27
4	21	Spring Ridge	L	John Dooley	John Dooley	9 90	2 00	1 80	13 70
5	21	Spring Ridge	L	John Dooley	John Dooley	9 00	[illegible]	1 60	12 53
15	24-27	Spring Ridge	L	Emily J. Linnard	Emily J. Linnard	8 10	[illegible]	1 46	11 43
	49	Spring Ridge	L	Mrs. A. Williams	Hanna Williams	28 80	3 31	5 16	37 27
8	73	Spring Ridge	L	George McKay	Daniel McKay	1 77	1 42	31	3 50
(2¼ acres) N pt	36	Fernwood	L & I	Fenerty, S., Jos., Jno.	Fenerty, Sarsfield, Joseph, John, Kate and Anna	35 28	3 77	6 32	45 37
1 of 59	69	Fernwood	L	John Leahy	John Leahy	1 80	1 43	32	3 55
66	69	Fernwood	L	Wm. Rendall	Wm. Rendall	5 04	1 65	90	7 59
85	69	Fernwood	L	J. L. Sutherland	Jno. L. Sutherland	4 50	1 61	80	6 91
E. 39 ft. of 92	69	Fernwood	L & I	Phillip Rowe	Phillip Rowe	11 16	2 08	2 00	15 24
E. 13 ft. of 100	69	Fernwood	L	Jennie Reid	Jennie Reid	3 60	1 55	65	5 80
116	69	Fernwood	L	Mrs. A. Newman	Ernstine Newman	5 04	1 65	90	7 59
W. 65 ft. of 14	¼ & C	25	L	Abel Douglas	George Douglas	2 08	1 44	37	3 89
E. 46 ft. of 74	43-48, 55	25	L	W. H. Philpott	Wm. H. Philpott	1 53	1 40	27	3 20
87	43-48, 55	25	L	G. A. McBain	John D. Foreman	2 70	1 49	48	4 67
(1.33 acres) pt	17	Oaklands Est.	L & I	John Emery	John Emery	11 59	2 11	2 07	15 77
(2.19 acres) pt	30	Oaklands Est.	L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	13 86	2 27	2 48	18 61
(2.38 acres) pt	31	Oaklands Est.	L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	14 94	2 34	2 68	19 96
(4 98 acres) pt	32	Oaklands Est.	L & I	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	36 90	3 88	6 62	47 40
	16	Oaklands Est.	L & I	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	24 19	3 00	4 35	31 54
	66	Oaklands Est.	L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	14 40	2 30	2 58	19 28
St'p 56-7, lots 1	15&22-40	Oaklands Est.	L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
	33	Oaklands Est.	L	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	18 90	2 62	3 40	24 92
12 of 1	56,57&C	Oaklands Est.	L	Maurice Salmon	Maurice Salmon	1 80	1 43	32	3 55
25 of 1	56,57&C	Oaklands Est.	L	Maurice Salmon	Maurice Salmon	1 80	1 43	32	3 55
26 of 1	56,57&C	Oaklands Est.	L	Maurice Salmon	Maurice Salmon	1 80	1 43	32	3 55
E 46 ft. 22 of 1	56-57&C	Oaklands Est.	L & I	E. J. Salmon & Hy. Moss	E. Levy, E. J. Salmon, Joshua Davies and Hy. Moss	2 25	1 45	40	4 10
N. 31 ft. of 11	1	Work Estate	L	Est. D. Lenevue	David Lenevue	6 48	1 75	1 16	9 39
1	M	Work Estate	L	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	4 50	1 61	81	6 92
2	M	Work Estate	L	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	2 70	1 49	48	4 67
3	M	Work Estate	L	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	2 70	1 49	48	4 67
4	M	Work Estate	L & I	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	9 90	2 00	1 78	13 68
5	M	Work Estate	L & I	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	17 10	2 50	3 06	22 66
6	M	Work Estate	L & I	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	6 30	1 74	1 13	9 17
(5 acres) S. pt	10	4	L	Mrs. H. Going	Harriet Going	22 50	2 87	4 05	29 42
8 of 2	8-15,22-6	5	L	D. Bremner	David Bremner	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
9 of 2	8-15,22-6	5	L	D. Bremner	David Bremner	4 68	1 63	84	7 15
10 of 2	8-15,22-6	5	L	D. Bremner	David Bremner	4 68	1 63	84	7 15
1	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	5 40	1 68	97	8 05
2	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	5 04	1 65	90	7 59
3	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	5 04	1 65	90	7 59
4	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
5	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
6	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
7	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
8	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
9	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
10	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
11	9	5	L	John Coughlan	J. Coughlan & G. Mason	4 14	1 59	74	6 47
218	13	Hillside Ex "A"	L	Geo. Lindsay, Sr.	Geo. Lindsay	9 00	1 93	1 62	12 55
219	13	Hillside Ex "A"	L	Geo. Lindsay, Sr.	Geo. Lindsay	9 00	1 93	1 62	12 55
6	16	Hillside Ex "B"	L	G. V. Noel	Geo. V. Noel	9 00	1 93	1 62	12 55
12	34	Hillside Farm	L	A. B. McNeill	A. B. McNeill	4 68	1 62	84	7 14
13	34	Hillside Farm	L	A. B. McNeill	A. B. McNeill	4 68	1 62	84	7 14
19	34	Hillside Farm	L	A. B. McNeill	A. B. McNeill	4 50	1 61	81	6 92
4	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	32 40	3 55	5 81	41 76
5	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	32 40	3 55	5 81	41 76
[illegible]	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	32 40	3 55	5 81	41 76
12	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	22 50	2 87	4 03	29 40
13	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	22 50	2 87	4 03	29 40
14	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	22 50	2 87	4 03	29 40
15	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	22 50	2 87	4 03	29 40
16	2, 9 & 12	Burnside Ex.	L	John Coughlan	John Coughlan	28 98	3 31	5 20	37 49
8 of 5	7-9	Saanich Ex.	L	H. R. Ella	Henry R. Ella	3 16	1 52	54	5 22
15 of 5	7-9	Saanich Ex.	L	H. R. Ella	Henry R. Ella	3 24	1 52	58	5 34
9 of 4	7-9	Saanich Ex.	L	Hy. R. Sellick	H. R. Sellick	3 24	1 52	58	5 34
7	8-12	10 Vic. West	L	John Fraser	John Fraser	4 32	1 60	77	6 69
8	8-12	10 Vic. West	L	John Fraser	John Fraser	4 50	1 61	81	6 92
N. 15 ft. of 12	8-12	10 Vic. West	L	C. W. Jenkinson	Douglas Brown	54	1 34	09	1 97
16	34,36,38	31 Vic. West	L & I	John S. Smith	John S. Smith	7 64	1 81	1 37	10 82
18	34,36,38	31 Vic. West	L	H. J. Bland	Hy. Jos. Bland	4 50	1 61	81	6 92
16 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	L	Henry Nathan	Hy. Nathan	1 44	1 40	26	3 10
17 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	L	Henry Nathan	Hy. Nathan	1 44	1 40	26	3 10
18 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	L	Henry Nathan	Hy. Nathan	1 44	1 40	26	3 10
	4	31	L	Joshua Davies	Judah P. Davies	9 00	1 93	1 62	12 55
8	18-19&pt.7		L	A. McKay & K. Kennell	A. McKay and K. Kennells	1 80	1 43	32	3 55
10	29	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	7 56	1 83	1 36	10 75
11	29	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
12	29	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
13	29	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
14	29	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	7 56	1 83	1 36	10 75
5	30	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	7 56	1 83	1 36	10 75
6	30	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
7	30	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
8	30	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 14	9 18
9	30	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	7 56	1 83	1 36	10 75
1	31	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	9 36	1 96	1 68	13 00
2	31	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	B. C. Corporation, Ltd.	9 36	1 96	1 68	13 00
3	31	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	6 30	1 74	1 13	9 17
4	31	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	B. C. Corporation, Ltd.	6 30	1 74	1 13	9 17
	32	Spring Ridge	L & I	Hy. Saunders	Henry Saunders	84 60	7 22	15 17	106 99
E. 43 ft. of	33	Spring Ridge	L	Hy. Saunders	B. C. Corporation, Ltd.	9 00	1 93	1 62	12 55
1	8 & 10	Beckley Farm	L & I	Elizabeth Kaye	Elizabeth Kaye	26 10	3 15	4 68	33 93
2	8 & 10	Beckley Farm	L & I	Elizabeth Kaye	Elizabeth Kaye	26 10	3 15	4 68	33 93

N.B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land and "L & I" means Land and Improvements.

Dated this 27th day of November, A.D. 1900, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

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Particulars of competition and further information can be obtained from the undersigned.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., October 31st, 1900.

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Board of Trade Taking Steps to Cultivate Commerce in That Direction.

President Ward Gives Further Details Regarding the Cement Works.

At a meeting of the council of the British Columbia board of trade this morning the president, W. A. Ward, announced that the new cement works which are to be established near Sidney and in which he had an interest, were to be established on Todd's Inlet, Saanich Inlet. They would be located eight or nine miles from Sidney proper and would, he thought, be a good thing for the province. The property had been purchased by Keith-Fisher, and having seen several of the assays made of the clay he knew it to be satisfactory for the manufacture of cement. He had heard, however, of a strong movement on foot to re-establish a cement work in Vancouver, and also to locate such an industry on the Sound, but he thought with the establishment of the works at Sidney the local concern would more than get its share of the business. Another matter which he brought before the attention of the council and on which action was taken was the importance of building up Canada's commerce with Siberia. This was a subject which was of greater concern to this province than to the East, because of the comparative proximity of one to the other. Just now there was a good opportunity of encouraging trade relations, as many of the shiploads of American products recently sent to Siberia had been found to be an inferior quality. He therefore thought that the Dominion government should be asked to render assistance in any way possible.

C. H. Lugrin pointed out that inasmuch as all the rivers of Siberia run north that country's timber resources would not be accessible for many years to come. He was also in favor of seeking the assistance of the Dominion government, and the matter was dismissed with the secretary being instructed to ask the Vancouver and Nanaimo boards' co-operation in bringing the question before the proper authorities.

Those present at the meeting included the president, W. A. Ward, and Messrs. Lugrin, McQuade, Kirk, Ker, McCandless, Grahame and Fraser.

Among the routine business came a letter from Dr. Montizambert, Dominion superintendent of quarantine, in reference to the complaint made in the delay of mails, consequent to quarantine regulations, stating that as soon as health conditions permitted the restrictions would be withdrawn.

The president drew attention to a report which had reached him from a Vancouver source of where if an American steamer coming from Skagway would be boarded at Vancouver, and if found infested would be sent on to quarantine, whereas if it was one of our own ships and called first at a British Columbia port en route south, the fact of her coming from a British Columbia port would exempt her from complying with said exemption.

Fred. J. Claxton wrote suggesting the propriety of the board taking steps in the interest of the other boards of trade throughout the Dominion and in taking joint action with those bodies in pressing upon the government the great importance to Canada of building up trade relations with her sister colonies in the Pacific, and urging them to reconsider the sending of a representative contingent to take part in the Federation ceremonies of the Australian colonies.

The president pointed out that the government had already considered the matter, and he had heard Mr. Mulock's name mentioned in connection therewith, but he opposed sending a contingent. The Australians were willing to trade with Canadians, but in the matter of trade he spoke of the disadvantages British Columbians were at in competing with Americans. In order to place the board in possession of all information bearing on the subject, a committee, composed of Messrs. Ward, McQuade and J. G. Cox, was apointed to draft a report for the board's consideration.

In reference to Mr. Claxton's letter, the council placed on record its approval of a delegate being sent, but not a contingent.

William T. Stein, secretary of the Vancouver board of trade, wrote, drawing attention to a circular letter to be sent the secretary of each board of trade in the province to obtain the views of each board in regard to forming an associate board of trade of British Columbia, and if it was deemed desirable by such board to appoint a delegate to a convention to discuss the subject. This letter was received and laid on the table.

A lengthy communication was also received from the Atlin board of trade protesting against the removal of the office of the registrar of the Supreme and County courts to Vancouver, and seeking for the support of the British Columbia board in using its influence against such a precedure. It was received and filed.

A communication was received from the British Columbia inland board of trade, complaining of the British Columbia board of trade still adhering to its name. The letter asked that the board change or localize its name. The letter was received and filed, and the meeting adjourned.

The Ontario Leader

E. F. Clarke, Member-Elect For West Toronto, Will Probably Be Selected.

Thirty-Five Liberals Have Been Elected by Acclamation in Quebec.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 4.—It was stated in political circles last evening that W. F. Maclean, M. P.-elect, has abandoned all idea of seeking the leadership at present, and that E. F. Clarke, M. P.-elect, will probably be the Ontario leader. It is learned that the apparent singling out of Clarke Wallace by Sir Charles Tupper, who invited him to take part in British Columbia, was not intended as a slight upon Mr. Clarke, who also received the invitation, but could not comply.

The friends of Hon. A. S. Hardy, ex-premier of Ontario, have contributed a handsome sum as a practical token of their appreciation of his public services. The presentation will be made to Mr. Hardy here on Thursday.

The names of Senator Cox, J. W. Flavelle, J. L. Spink and W. A. E. Massey are said to be connected with a syndicate seeking to get control of the bakery industry of the city.

A Winnipeg dispatch to the Globe says: J. W. Tyrff, of Ottawa, commissioner of Dominion Lands, has returned from the Doukhobor settlements in the vicinity of Yorkton, and reports the Quakers in good condition. They are housed in comfortable and substantial dwellings, all of which are neat and surprisingly clean.

About forty pastors of different churches in the city met in the Methodist Book Rooms yesterday and held a service of prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Toronto, the wakening of business men to a sense of their spiritual needs, and a special blessing from God upon their efforts to awaken a revival of religious feeling in the city. Rev. Dr. Parsons, who returned from Coburg, said there had been a remarkable revival there, and said letters he had received made it plain that the fire of religious fervor was breaking out all over Canada.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Another Conservative candidate has dropped out of the provincial fight in the person of T. E. Norman, Three Rivers, thus electing Mr. Cook, Liberal, by acclamation. This makes thirty-five Liberals elected by acclamation up to date. The elections take place on Friday.

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—The funeral of the late Senator MacInnes took place here this afternoon.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A wild woman is reported to be camping in the bush near Manotick. The woman is said to be living a sort of an aborigine life.

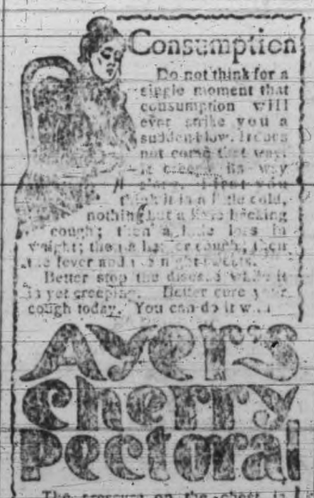
Belleville, Dec. 4.—On Sunday the two-year-old son of John Frost, a Grand Trunk Railway employee, ate so many pills from a box which he found that death resulted ten minutes afterwards.

HARD ON M'KINLEY.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—"Mercifully," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "not even the conscientious Reuter has cabled the full fifteen columns of President McKinley's message. This was wise, since no English paper could possibly have printed it to the necessary exclusion from its pages of other things that really do stir the great heart of the people."

The Globe airs the ultra jingoistic opinions of which it has almost a monopoly. Taking for its text the reference to the Isthmian canal, it declares that Washington is "Not entitled to override our treaty and secured rights in any part of Central America, except with the consent of our government. The Hay-Pauncefote compromise goes farther in extreme conciliation and represents this country's very last words, and the United States must either accept the proposition as it stands or abide by the ruling of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, however embarrassing its provisions may be to American imperialism."



The pressure on the chest is lifted, that feeling of suffocation is removed, and you are cured. You can stop that little cold with a 25c. bottle; harder coughs will need a 50c. size; if it's on the lungs the one dollar size will be most economical.

"I confidently recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral to all my patrons. I am using it now in my own family. Forty years ago I feel sure it saved my life."
A. S. EDSON, M.D.,
Jan. 4, 1898. Fort Madison, Iowa.

EX-CONVICT ARRESTED.

He Had Forty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Jewels Concealed About His Person.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A special to the Record from El Paso, Texas, says: "Mauro Divariz, who has served terms in the prison of Barcelona, Spain, and in Italy, and is wanted at Havana, was arrested last night on a Mexican Central passenger train. When arrested the man had $40,000 worth of diamonds and other jewels concealed about his person. He was disguised as a ranchero, and when taken into custody by the Juarez chief of police, offered to give up everything he possessed as ransom to secure his liberty.

STRATHCONA'S RESIDENCES.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 4.—It was learned here to-day that Lord Strathcona had purchased a second residence in London. The property is on Grosvenor Square. This would make seven residences His Lordship possesses, namely, two in London, one in Scotland, Knebworth, Stevenage (Hertfordshire), one in Montreal, one in Winnipeg and one in Pictou, N. S.

THE UNION JACK,

which floats over Britian and all her colonies is emblematic of the adage, "In union there is strength." The patriotic ladies of Canada can exemplify that adage, and indulge a patriotic sentiment, by assisting their English, Scotch and Irish cousins who produce the pure machine-made GREEN teas of Ceylon and India. Tea drinkers will find the Blue Ribbon, Monsoon and Salada green teas a pleasant change from Japans.—Colonist.

HANDS CRACKED WITH SALT RHEUM

Mr. James McIsaacs, 25 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont., writes: "I suffered with salt rheum for upwards of ten years, the skin on my hands cracking and breaking so as to make them useless. After trying all sorts of remedies in vain, I became discouraged and thought my sufferings would never end. Last spring I used Dr. Chase's Ointment and in a short time was perfectly cured." Dr. Chase's Ointment is of unparleled merit as a cure for all itching skin disease, all druggists.

HOCKEY.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

The committee of the Victoria Hockey Club are holding a meeting this afternoon for the purpose of selecting a team to represent the club in their match with Vancouver on Saturday next.

MARRIED.

HOPE-BENNETT—At Fort Steele, on Nov. 28th, by Rev. D. McK. Reid, Dr. P. Douglas Hope and Miss Sadie Gertrude Bennett.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Philharmonic Hall.

Ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DEC.
3:30—Sale of Work.
8:00 p.m.—Concert, Tableaux, Etc.

THURSDAY, 6TH DEC.
12 2—Luncheon.
3:00—Sale of Work Continued.
8:00—Fancy Drill, Concert, Tableau.
Admission each evening, 25 cents; luncheon, 25 cents.

To Contractors.

Tenders will be received up to Friday, Dec. 13, for the erection of a Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Office Building on the corner of Bastion and Langley streets.

Plans and specifications can be seen after Friday, December 6, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the offices of F. M. RATTENBURY, Architect.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THE FAIRVIEW CORPORATION, LIMITED.

Take notice that an extraordinary general meeting of the Fairview Corporation, Limited, will be held at the office of the Corporation, in Fairview, in the Province of British Columbia, on the 14th day of December, 1900, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which the following resolutions will be proposed:

(a) To authorize the Directors to borrow upon the credit of the Corporation the sum of thirty thousand dollars from George Gooderham, Esquire, of the City of Toronto, at six per cent. per annum interest, upon such terms as to repayment of the loan and otherwise as they may deem proper, and to hypothecate, mortgage or pledge all or any of the real or personal property, rights or powers of the Corporation to secure the repayment of the said sum of thirty thousand dollars and interest thereon to the lenders.

(b) To authorize the Directors to give an option to the said George Gooderham upon an undivided one-half interest in all the lands, mines, properties and assets of the Corporation at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the period of five months, and in the event of such option being exercised to convey an undivided one-half interest to the said Gooderham.

(c) To sanction an agreement, dated the 24th of November, 1900, entered into between the Fairview Corporation, Limited, represented by its Managing Director, and the said George Gooderham, setting forth the terms of such loan and option, and further providing for the formation of a new Company with a capital of one million five hundred thousand dollars divided into shares of one dollar each, to which it is proposed that all the assets now owned by the Fairview Corporation, Limited, shall be conveyed, subject to the provisions of said agreement. The said one million five hundred thousand shares to be divided as follows:

The Fairview Corporation, five hundred thousand; George Gooderham, five hundred and ten thousand; the balance, namely, four hundred and ninety thousand, to remain in the treasury for the purpose of being expended as occasion may require in the future development and equipment of the property.

A copy of the agreement in question may be inspected at the head office of the Company.

A full attendance is requested. If not in person, then by proxy.

Dated the 28th day of November, 1900.

G. A. ROBINSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.
RICHARD RUSSELL,
President and Managing Director.

The German Emperor has changed the fashion of his moustache. He now wears it brushed without pointed ends.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Girl for light house work; small family. Apply G. M. Leishman, Dallas road.

FOUND—An overcoat, near Board of Trade Building. Owner can have by describing property and paying for this advertisement. Apply Janitor, Board of Trade Building.

STRAYED—To the North Fernwood Dairy, Dec. 2nd, one roan heifer. Owner can have the animal by proving property and paying expenses.

WANTED—A barber. Apply 101 Douglas street.

LOST—A lady's brown leather purse, containing small sum of money and visiting cards, between Fort street and Province Office, via Government street. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

WANTED—By experienced woman, any kind of house or office cleaning, by the day.

Exhibition.

The Committee appointed to arrange matters connected with the proposed Exhibition will report at a meeting to be held in the City Hall on Thursday, Dec. 6th, at 8 p. m. Also, a meeting of members of the Association for the election of officers will be held at the same hour and place on Thursday, Dec. 13th.

W. F. BEST,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER ISLAND MINING & REALTY INVESTMENT AG'CY, LD

35 FORT STREET.

$1,000 will buy 1 acre on Craigflower road, within city limits.

$550 will buy house and lot on North Pembroke street.

Fine house and lot for sale on installment plan, $200 down, $15 per month.

$750 will buy house and lot on Mears street.

$750 will buy house and lot on Quadra street.

YOU CAN'T DO IT

You can't get first-class electrical goods in a second-class electrical supply store, any more than you can blow out an electric light. Why waste time, then? If you will consult us, you will get the best goods, the best service, the best materials. Don't believe what we say, but put us to the test. Have you seen our Table Lamps, or our 75c. Night Lamps.

The Hinton Electric Company, Limited.

Kilmarnock Scotch Whisky.....

This very fine quality of Scotch Whisky is fast growing in favor in British Columbia. It has for many years been the leading whisky all over Europe, and is to be obtained in all the leading hotels, clubs and refreshment places in London and other large cities of Great Britain. It is termed the "Johnnie Walker", which means Walker's famous "Kilmarnock".

The people of British Columbia demand a good Scotch Whisky, which we take pleasure in presenting, and if you will try the "Kilmarnock", you will accept no other. The proprietors of this whisky, Messrs. John Walker & Sons, of Kilmarnock, do not spend money in fancy advertising matter, and attractive labels, bottles, etc., preferring to put the value into the whisky, thus giving the consumer the benefit.

The "Kilmarnock" is always the same in quality. It is to be found in all the clubs, hotels and refreshment places in British Columbia. Take no substitute. If your grocer does not keep it, come to us, and we will take pleasure in directing you to places where it can be obtained, if desired, in small quantities. We have it in case and in wood.

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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1900.

Nanaimo Coal Mining Industry.

Account of a Visit Paid to the New Vancouver Coal Company's Properties at Nanaimo.

Conditions Under Which the Miners Work--Facts and Figures Regarding the Output.

Everything Possible Has Been Done For Men's Safety and Convenience.

(Special Staff Correspondence of the Times.)

Nanaimo, Nov. 23.—Nanaimo, the coal mining metropolis of the Pacific coast, was purchased from the Indians by the Hudson's Bay Company in the winter of 1852, and then a trading post and village was established there. The Hudson's Bay Company carried on operations until 1862, when the extensive tract of country which they had acquired from the crown was taken over by the New Vancouver Coal, Mining and Land Company, and since that year they have had control of the workings of the mines surrounding Nanaimo. The city now boasts of a population of nearly 7,000 people, and is surrounded with a good farming and stock country. The natural facilities of the country are such that the city is destined to be one of great importance as a manufacturing and industrial centre. The credit of Nanaimo's business men ranks high and there are few places in the country that are more prosperous. The city boasts of many handsome business structures and private residences, has a system of water works about to be taken over by the corporation, electric lighting and gas plants, and other things calculated to make it a most desirable place in which to reside.

In this city may be found one of the handsomest court houses in the province. The superstructure is of stone, taken from quarries a short distance from the city, while the interior is finished in native woods in such a way as to delight the eye of those who visit the commodious structure.

Nanaimo's prosperity is due to the New Vancouver Coal Company, as it is with the mines operated by this corporation that this article will be principally devoted. This company, under the efficient management of Mr. S. M. Robins, has always shown a disposition to deal fairly with the men who delve in the cavernous depths of the earth, and while strikes are occurring in other coal mines there are no labor troubles in Nanaimo. Mr. Robins, unlike most managers of corporations, approves of union labor and is always pleased to meet and confer with the men in his employ. Some years ago there was a strike threatened. Mr. Robins sent for a committee from the union to examine his books, and the committee was satisfied that he could not grant the increase asked for. The strike was averted and later on the men had their wages raised without making any further demand in this direction. Naturally a man of such broad ideas is popular with the men who work under him, and as a philanthropist his reputation is known throughout the Island. To any demand for charity Mr. Robins is the first to respond, and it is not infrequent that his generosity is taken advantage of.

The workings of the company comprise the Douglas mine, located near the heart of the city, and now known as No. 1 shaft; No. 5 mine, located on the banks of the Chase river, and the shafts on Newcastle and Protection Islands.

The Douglas seam of coal is an extensive one, and is traceable through all the properties owned by this company. Most of the coal produced in the mines at Nanaimo is shipped to San Francisco, and to supply the demand from this market new mines are being re-opened.

The company operating the mines is an English joint stock association, whose charter dates back to 1862, and during the thirty-eight years that they have carried on business the cash disbursed will foot up many millions of dollars, the money going for wages and for machinery. A trip through the works is an interesting one, and it would take many columns of newspaper space to give an adequate description of what they are like, and then the reader would only have a hazy idea of the extent of the workings.

AT NUMBER ONE

There Are Two Shafts—How the Mine Is Supplied With Fresh Air.

No. 1 pithead has not one, but two, shafts. They are circular in form and for safety huge wedge-shaped blocks are used in their construction. No. 2 shaft is sunk 200 feet to the north of No. 1, and its construction is air tight. Through an underground passage it communicates with the fan which conveys the foul air and gases from the mine. Above the air shaft is placed a pithead frame with pulley and an engine with drum and cable so arranged that by removing part of the pit cover this means of rescue would be available in a very few moments. A visit to the fan house is well worth taking. The ponderous engine is never still. The wheel which exhausts the air is thirty-six feet in diameter and twelve feet wide. It makes something like forty revolutions per minute, and this is what keeps the air always pure through something like twenty-five miles of underground. The way that the impure air is extracted from the mines is well worthy of attention. The impure current is pumped out at the rate of 150,000 feet per minute, and the pure air naturally comes in to take its place. The ventilating apparatus is known as the Guibal fan, and is one of the notable achievements of modern mechanical engineering skill. The fan was installed at great cost in the first instance, but the expense is far outweighed by the security it yields to those who work in the mines.

Surrounding No. 1 shaft is a forest of props of all sizes and lengths, and there are immense piles of dogging to be used in timbering the mines, rolls of canvas, prepared with tar, for curtains, to turn the air into different channels. There are also many other things used in the daily workings of the mines, and as the empty cars are returned to the depths, after coming to the surface with their loads of dusky diamonds, these supplies are taken down as required.

A new pithead frame and screening tank was built at No. 1 shaft this year; this includes revolving topplers, shaking screens, travelling belts and creeper, capable of handling 1,000 tons of coal in eight hours. This pithead is built of heavy balks of native fir, and is constructed with a view to safety and durability. The winding frame and gear rises far above the level of the earth. The cages, which here arise and descend, are kept from swaying by four corner guides of wire rope, drawn taut, and up and down these ropes they travel. Over a mile of rope is used in the construction of the guides. As the cage comes from the pit it is received by the bankmen and the cars are quickly removed and empty cars as quickly fill the space from which they were taken. The full cars, after being weighed, are sent to the "topplers," where the coal is dumped into railway cars. In the descent of the coal to the railroad below it passes over a set of screens, and dross and nut coal are separated from the larger lumps, and it is thus that the coal is screened and made ready for shipment.

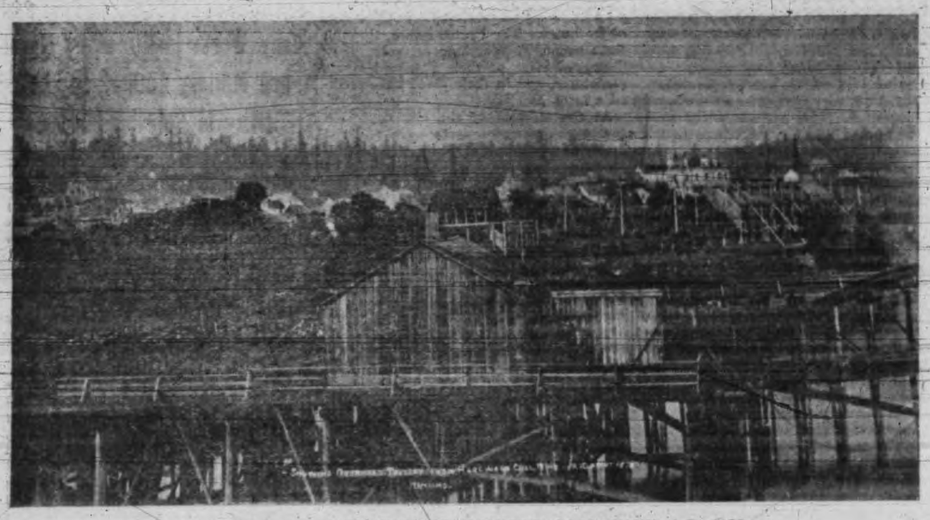
All this has been accomplished in far less time than it has taken to tell the story, and those who watch the operations for the first time find themselves growing dizzy with the rapidity of it all. When the cars come to the surface they are accompanied by a numbered tag placed there by the miner who loaded the car. At the weighman's office the tag is removed from the car and its number and the weight of coal contained in the car is noted on a sheet, which may be examined by the miners when they come off shift. The pit mouth and surface landing are guarded by gates, which are lifted and lowered by the cages, and in this way danger to the unwary is averted.

As mine cars are crippled they are brought to the top and sent to the machine shops for repairs. The number of these cars that are brought up in a damaged condition every day shows that tremendous stress is placed upon them. Nothing moves slowly in a big colliery, and the speed at which these cars move through devious ways and are whirled around on the pithead turntables has much to do with the shortness of their usefulness.

The depth of No. 1 shaft is 650 feet, and there is a sump for water lower down. The surplus water is forced to the surface in a four-inch stream by a Cameron pump with a twenty-eight inch cylinder and four foot stroke.

It needs a tremendous motive power to take care of all the apparatus and appliances needed at this shaft. The hoisting is done by a pair of centrifugal hoisting engines with 30-inch cylinder, 60-inch stroke, and 14-foot drum. The air is extracted by a Guibal 36 feet in diameter, 12 feet wide, and having a capacity of 120,000 cubic feet per minute. There is also a Murphy emergency fan in operation here. It is operated by two duplex compressing engines, one pair 14x22, and the other 12x14. An electric plant, with two Ball engines, of 150-horse power, operates two dynamos for generating power for underground haulage and lighting.

The steam for moving the wonderful machinery is generated by four cylindrical boilers, 3x30 feet, and 12 double flued Lancaster boilers, 5x30 feet. All engines and boilers are carefully housed. The ponderous winding engines rest so solidly and evenly on their foundations that although the strain on them is something remarkable, not the least vibration is felt in the power houses in which they are installed. The swift and noiseless movements of the engines, the gliding of the cables that can lift six tons at the rate of 30 feet per minute, has frequently been described as fascinating, and it certainly leaves an impression not soon effaced. The signals to hoist are given from the bottom of the shaft and are recorded by a gong striking in the engine room. The cables are of the best crucible wire steel, and are inspected daily.



OVERHEAD TROLLEY FROM HARBWOOD COAL MINE, A.D. 1876.

How Steamers Are Loaded--Operations Carried on in an Expeditious Manner.

SURFACE BUILDINGS.

Commodious Offices—Extensive Machine Shops Where Repairs Are Carried Out.

About the surface of No. 1 are clustered many buildings used by the New Vancouver Coal Company for various purposes. Across the street are commodious offices, where a competent force of trained clerical workers are constantly employed. In this department Mr. Mark Bate, jr., who acts as cashier, is practically at the head. Mr. S. M. Robins, the general superintendent, and Mr. Thomas Russell, the manager, have also offices in the building, and busy men though they are, they can always spare time to see anyone who may call on business of any importance. In this direction much of their valuable time is wasted, and they are frequently called upon to answer questions that one of the clerks could easily have disposed of.

A short distance away are the stables, and in these are kept the horses used for underground hauling, and these horses would attract attention anywhere, as they are most magnificent specimens of the equine species. The store department is also located in this vicinity, and here requisitions, properly O.K'd, must be presented for articles required in the mines or other departments. The powder magazine is two miles from the city, on the line of railway leading to the No. 5 mine.

The greater part of the railway equipment is also looked after in this vicinity when not in use. It consists of six locomotives, two of them forty tons in weight, and 240 coal cars of five-ton capacity. In addition to these there are a number of what railroad men term cabooses, and which are used in carrying employees of the mines at No. 5 shaft to and from their work, for a majority of the men employed there live within the city limits of Nanaimo.

Another adjunct of the company's workings which had best be described in connection with No. 1 shaft, as they are located in the vicinity, are the extensive shops, a splendid view of which appears on this page. But an exterior view falls far short of conveying the operations that are carried on in the different buildings. In the machine shops the equipment consists of turning lathes, boring, drilling, planing and screw-cutting machines, hydraulic presses, steam hammers and two diamond boring machines. Here a large force of men are constantly employed in rebuilding machinery, and in connection with these shops may be mentioned the carpenter shops and wood working plants. The employees of this department have a union separate from the Mine Laborers' Union, and like them, too, there is no difficulty in reference to wages, all being well paid and on the most friendly terms with the corporation employing them.

VISIT TO THE BUNKERS.

No Delay in Transferring the Coal From the Cars—Busy Scenes at Wharf.

No unimportant matter in connection with the working of the mines are the bunkers, from which over half a million tons of coal are sent out to foreign ports each year. The extent of these branches of the service must be closely examined to be appreciated. The bunkers in connection with the Esplanade, or No. 1 shaft, are the most extensive. At the main bunkers four double tracks lead with straiths to chutes, which are so arranged that they can be adjusted to any stage of the tide and thus convey the coal directly into the holds of the vessels. As the cars are hauled towards the chutes they pass over scales, where they are carefully weighed and gross and net weight are chalked on the car. There is no delay in this matter, for Mr. Cooper and his assistants are men who have thoroughly mastered their business. And then, if there is a collier awaiting cargo at the wharf another busy scene is witnessed. To the layman it is surprising to note the rapid manner in which these cars are cut off from the train one by one, quickly run upon the chutes and as quickly returned and placed upon a track with other empties, barely grazing, as it passes, another load, which is being forwarded to fill the space at the vacant chute and go through the process of its predecessor. There are no waits between cars, and the stream of coal poured into the vessel is almost continuous. The water at all the wharves is of a sufficient depth to accommodate the largest vessel afloat, the dredger, Mudlark, having spent long months in putting this harbor, where the sea never grows rough, in perfect condition as to depth.

The mechanism for handling cars at the loading of vessels and from the time the car is cut off from its train loaded with coal until it is returned empty and another takes its place a space of thirty seconds does not elapse. A few years ago a test was made to see how quickly a vessel could be loaded. The experiment was made under the supervision of Mr. S. M. Robins, and the big whaleback collier Titania, carrying 6,000 tons of coal, arrived at the bunkers, took on cargo and departed within twelve hours. At first coal was poured into the hold at the rate of 750 tons per hour, but later on there was trimming to do, which accounted for a slackening in speed.

The principal bunkers at the loading wharves have a storage capacity of nearly 10,000 tons of coal. A second shipping wharf is also in successful operation, and at this two hatches can be loaded into at the same time. The ballast wharves are also a source of interest. It is there that ships coming from far away lands discharge their ballast, usually consisting of rock, gravel or earth. A large area of earth has been formed, comprising lava from Hawaii, sand from Japan, shingle from the beaches of Alaska and Siberia, and shiploads of earth from every country bordering on the Pacific ocean.

There are so many interesting things to write of in connection with the mines and their surroundings that many pages of newspaper space would necessarily be used in giving an adequate description of the place. So far the surroundings of only the main shaft have been touched upon.

DOWN A COAL MINE.

Levels, Slopes and Inclines Are All Substantially Timbered—Overhead Trolley System.

A visit to mines which extend for long distances far below the waters of the placid harbor is something that causes a shudder to pass over the visitor the first time he or she makes the descent of something like 650 feet riding in a cage that lacks many of the comforts of an elevator. The trip down is made in about thirty seconds. In making the descent a person can stand upright, but it is well to grasp a handrail which is placed just above the head. The cage stops at a spacious landing, ablaze with incandescent lights, but after leaving there the real hardships of a trip through the mines begins. An occasional bump on the head reminds the visitor that it is well to be cautious, and still those accustomed to the work hurry along without hesitancy. No. 1 level is three miles long, and is traversed by two electric motors on the overhead trolley system. No. 3 level is one mile long and operated by one electric locomotive, the same as above. The main slope is one and a quarter miles in length, and the diagonal slope 900 yards long. Both are operated by a main rope system of haulage, the engine for doing the hauling being situated at the shaft bottom. It is a coupled horizontal engine, with 16-inch cylinder, 36-inch stroke, with 5-foot beam. There are two Cameron pumps in operation here. There is a meeting place where the motors can pass. They haul the miners to and from the bottom of the shaft as they go and return from their work. No accident has ever occurred in connection with the running of motors. There is in course of erection now in the main slope of Esplanade shaft an endless rope haulage system, which will be worked by an engine at the head of the slope, with a carrying capacity of 1,000 tons of coal in eight hours.

The following description of the working of the mine was written by Mr. J. P. Planta, of Nanaimo, and as it is accurate in every detail it is here reproduced by Mr. Planta's permission:

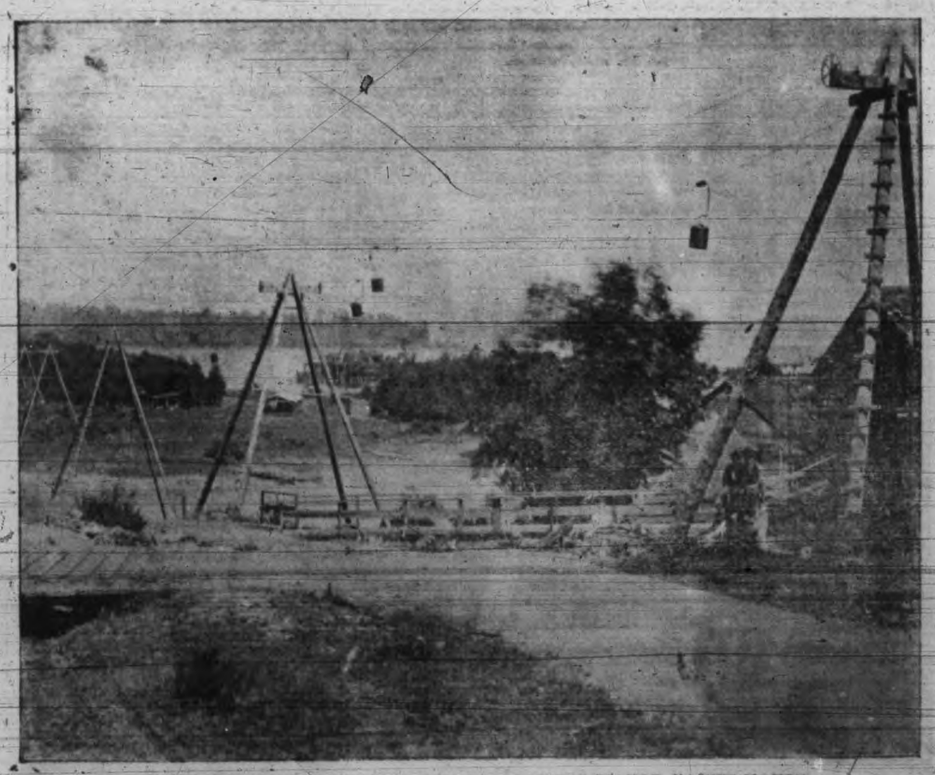
"The levels, inclines and slopes are from ten to twelve feet wide, with an average height of six and a half feet, are substantially timbered where needed, and are flanked by solid pillars of coal of as many as forty yards in width which form a grand support to the superincumbent mass, measuring at some points 600 and in others 1,800 feet to the surface. The inclines, levels and slopes are the great highways and with the airways driven alongside them form the lungs of the mine; similar wide pillars also bound the airways or counter levels, and behind the pillars roadways are driven, off which the miners open up stalls or rooms, out of which the coal is mined. In this pit the system of working is called the 'panel and stall.' The panels are limited areas of the seam which are subdivided into pillars and stalls which are worked from twenty-five yards centres, and when the stall is worked to the end of its limit or panel varying from 200 to 350 yards in length, there remain in the mine solid coal pillars of fifteen yards in width on each side of the empty space (or worked-out stalls) and the result, generally, is that from three-fifths to two-thirds of the original coal seam is left standing in the mine awaiting the time when the extreme limitations of operations of the pit have been reached, and the order is given to draw the pillars, the execution of which commences at the farthest distance from the pit (to the 'rise' or 'dip' of the seam according to circumstances), the pillars are withdrawn, letting the roof come down behind, so that the life of a pit is a long and lingering one, and many years elapse before an extensive one is worked out. The 'levels' while they are graded systematically, follow the contour of the seam transversely, as we would grade a road round a hill side.

Mr. S. M. Robins, a Solicitous Superintendent, Who Looks After Miners' Welfare.

and therefore the levels are separted by means of the inclines and slopes of the seam, which are driven in right lines, some inclines running up from 1,000 to 1,500 yards. The coal is brought from the stalls to the inclines in cars by mules wherever they can be worked, and otherwise by the pushers, who have also to keep the miners supplied with empty cars. The cars are let down the inclines by rope drums regulated by brakes, the full cars descending by their own gravity, the empties being drawn up at the same time, the track generally being double. At the foot of the inclines the cars are taken away by the motors, in return for empties brought in. I am now alluding to what is called down the mine the inside levels in distinction to the main slope, to be shortly noticed.

"The ventilation is upon what is known as the separate split system, and the mine is divided into districts entirely independent of each other. The fresh air is taken in from the Protection Island shaft, which is connected with the workings of No. 1 shaft, and if necessary all the miners could be hoisted up to the Island. As to fresh air, I have enjoyed good air all the time of my stay and have even felt cold and as if in a draught now and then, although the natural temperature of the mine is—according to depth—several degrees warmer than at the surface. After having noticed the self-acting inclines, heard the rumble, and seen the rush past of the mule trains, I enter several of the stalls, and here there is a well, a pit (full) smell, arising from powder smoke and from the fish oil used in the lamps, as well as from the oily stuff with which the car wheels are lubricated; there is also dust in the air—coal dust—and I become aware that I am gradually becoming what is known as 'blackened up.' The air is conducted up to the 'stalls' (often called 'rooms') and a miner is as attached to his stall, as many a lady is to her drawing room. All the miner wants is a good face of coal and fair wages, and in this pit he appears to have both at command, and fair play as well. Pure air is continually passing from the brattice or partition which leads the air as near the face as it is possible and at the same time avoid the breakage of the partition (formed of inch rough lumber) by coal blown out by 'shots.'

Overmen traverse the mine continually during the time that both shifts are at work. Shotlighters look after the placing and firing of shots, and firemen are employed to locate and test places



OLD OVERHEAD TROLLEY FROM HAREWOOD PASSING MAYOR BATE'S HOUSE.

where it may accumulate, and men are not permitted to enter any part of the mine where the fireman has reported the presence of gas.

The stables are located in the south level in large quarters which have been excavated, and there are kept a number of mules, and although they are well-housed and fed, they have few glimpses of daylight after they are taken into the mines. They are used in hauling cars.

All men employed in the mines work on eight-hour shifts, the first shift going down at 6 a.m. and being relieved at 2 p.m. Some of them may have a considerable distance to go after reaching the bottom of the shaft, and therefore they may not be able to get in more than seven hours' time. As the miners work on piecework, they lose no time after they reach their stalls.

PROTECTION ISLAND SHAFT

Is Another Outlet for Number One, and is Over Six Hundred Feet Deep.

The Protection Island shaft is really another outlet or extension for No. 1 shaft, and is 670 feet in depth. The main slope is one mile long and worked by means of a main rope system of haulage. The diagonal slope is 1,500 yards long and is also operated by main rope system of haulage. No. 1 lead, from which the long wall system of working has been opened out, is about 600 yards long. The engine for operating the haulage system in the two slopes is on the surface, and the power is transmitted underground by means of an endless rope. At this shaft is a pair of horizontal hoisting engines with 20-inch cylinder and 42-inch stroke, with 10-foot drum, and one haulage engine with single 30-inch cylinder and 3-foot stroke. There are also two air compressing engines, one pair cylinders being 12x14 and one single, 12x18.

On the northeast side of Newcastle Island, on the shores of the Straits of Georgia, a shaft was sunk last year which reached the upper seam at 324 feet, where good coal was found. The shaft was deepened to the lower seam, 384 feet, and ten feet further for a sump, making a total of 394 feet. The shaft is well timebered and safely constructed, and by means of this shaft an extensive area of coal can be worked, and it will also be used for the ventilation of the inside workings of No. 1 shaft. At this shaft one pair of hoisting engines and one pair compressing engines are in operation. A Guibal fan, fourteen feet in breadth and with a capacity of 35,000 feet per minute, removes the impure air from the mine. The steam is generated by two double flued Lancashire boilers, 4½x25 feet in size. At Protection Island shaft eight boilers of the same pattern are in operation.

No. 5 shaft, one of the four now being worked, is 508 feet in depth. The No. 1 heading is worked by a self-acting incline, is about 400 yards long, and No. 1 lead is about 1,000 yards long. One haulage engine is used underground on the slope of No. 1 heading. The engine is a coupled horizontal hauling engine, 7-inch cylinder, 10-inch stroke and 3-foot drum. Two Cameron engines, with a capacity of eighty gallons per minute, keeps the mine clear of water. At this shaft a pair of horizontal hoisting engines, with a 16-inch cylinder, 36-inch stroke, and a 10-foot drum hoists the coal. The ventilation is looked after by a double Murphy fan, eight feet in diameter, and an air compressing engine, 12x14.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—NO. 1 SHAFT.

The workings of these mines are similar to the description of No. 1. The men employed at Protection and Newcastle Islands are conveyed to their work on boats owned by the company.

Among the mines soon to be opened are the Harewood and No. 2 Southfield mines. At the former a platform and screen are now being erected, so that coal may be dumped in wagons and brought to the city. As soon as possible railroad connection will be made with this mine from the Southfield mine, and coal can then be hauled to the bunkers at small expense.

The company owns valuable areas of coal lands, and prospecting with the diamond drill has been going on for over a year, with good results. All the mines are turning out an excellent quality of coal, and it finds a ready market, the bulk of it going to California.

THE OUTPUT

Last Year Was 614,773 Tons—Number of Men Employed and Wages Paid.

The output of the mines last year was 614,773 tons, and of this amount 447,464 tons went to the United States. At the present time 1,400 men are employed about the mines, railways and wharves, and $95,000 per month is disbursed for help.

In his report to the Minister of Mines last year, Mr. Robins made the following interesting statement: There were employed in the mines 530 white miners, earning from $3 to $4.50 per day. Below ground 385 white laborers earned from $2.50 to $3 per day, and on the surface 36 men were employed at $2.50 per day; 81 skilled laborers and mechanics were paid $3 to $4 per day; 68 boys earned from $1 to $2 per day, and 189 Chinamen worked for $1.12½ to $1.25 per day. No Chinamen are employed underground.

COMPANY'S FARM.

Large Tracts of Land Cut Into Five-Acre Lots for Miners—The Athletic Club.

Strangers in the city always find a visit to the company's farm an interesting event. Here many acres of land have been cleared and are in perfect condition for agricultural purposes. On this farm is raised all the fodder used by the company's horses and mules, as well as large quantities of the succulent roots which thrive so well in this vicinity. Under the personal direction of Mr S. M. Robins large tracts of wild land have been made to bloom and blossom and these tracts have been cut up into five-acre lots and sold to employees of the mines. They are now beautiful spots, and at every exposition held in the vicinity of Nanaimo the floral, fruit and vegetable showings from the five-acre lots have commanded attention and carried off many prizes. At the expense of the company, too, splendid streets and roads have been constructed through these lots, making them most attractive places.

Nor does Mr. Robins, to elevate and please his employees, stop there. He is a contributor to the running expenses of the Nanaimo Athletic Club, a place now well fitted up with gymnasium, library and recreation rooms. This club is well patronized by the younger miners. He strongly favors outdoor sports, and tries in every way to encourage them. To this end handsome grounds are always kept in first-class shape for cricket, lacrosse, baseball and football, and no charge is made the clubs taking part in these games. Small wonder that Mr. Robins is a favorite with his men, and that strikes do not occur in the mines operated by the New Vancouver Coal Co.

For information contained in this article the writer is indebted to Mr. J. P. Planta and Mr. Thomas Russell, the latter furnishing the statistical part, which may be relied upon as accurate. Mr. Bate and other officials of the company also cheerfully gave any information asked for. The principal photographs were taken by E. C. Brooks, of Nanaimo, some, however, being kindly loaned by Mr. F. H. Shepherd, a mining engineer of the Coal City.

The March of Victoria's Progress.

Some of Improvements Which Have Been Made in the City During the Past Year.

On Every Side There Are Unmistakable Evidences of the Tide of Prosperity.

Large Number of Imposing Structures and Palatial Residences Have Been Erected.

It requires little consideration on the part of the observer to convince him that during the past ten months Victoria has entered an era of progress which, should it continue, will place her in the very front rank of the cities of the Pacific Northwest. If there is one unerring authority by which the extent of this progress may be ascertained it is that of statistics, and when these point to the growth of this city they demand credence.

In the first place, never before in the history of this solid municipality have so many remnants of the past in the way of antiquated structures been removed from the heart of the city. During the same period more than $200,000 has been expended in buildings within the limits of Victoria, and many of these edifices supplant those which have outlived their utility.

This marked transformation brings out several significant facts. In the large operations carried on many men have found work. The pavement of Broad and Yates streets, the erection of the pumping station and of the fire hall, the macadamizing of the various thoroughfares and other works innumerable have given employment to the brawn and muscle of the laborer and the skill of the artificer. A considerable quantity of property has changed hands, and although placards have not been distributed broadcast through the country, and the interesting information disseminated that Victoria is the "greatest city on the continent," there has nevertheless been an activity sufficient to arouse the highest degree of optimism and which promises to be permanent.

The tramway company has double tracked a couple of streets in the central part of the city, and a large number of workmen were employed in the operations. The company contemplate additional works in the near future.

Adequate fire protection has been provided the citizens of Victoria West through the construction of a new fire hall. Many handsome residences have been erected, while a glance at the list in this article will give an idea of the nature of the building operations during the present year.

This period, too, has witnessed the commencement of construction of a new rifle range at Clover Point. At Esquimalt hundreds of men have been employed in various works instituted by the naval authorities. At Work Point a new barracks has been constructed and officers' quarters and other structures are in course of erection.

Another beneficial institution was the garrisoning of the Hospital barracks by Col. McKay and A company, 3rd R. C. R. Through the presence of this splendid body of men at that place the citizens reap a pecuniary harvest by the various expenditures it entails.

Victoria is rapidly doffing her old garments and, figuratively, donning a new coat, and it only requires a continuation of the process to make her in every essential feature what she is in name, the Queen City of the West.

DECADENCE OF SHACKDOM.

Forcible Steps Taken to Eradicate Eye Sores—Delapidated Landmarks Demolished.

Undoubtedly one of the most conspicuous improvements carried on in Victoria during the past ten months was the destruction of the delapidated shacks which for many years intruded themselves with almost painful irregularity upon the view in different portions of the city. The majority of these were in Chinatown and vicinity, although the activity of the building and sanitary inspectors was not confined here by any means, for many eye-sores in other parts have been removed through their zealous efforts.

Until within the last year Chinatown was considered the most objectionable feature of the city. Perhaps it is yet, but the many rows of decaying shacks with their unwholesome appearance, in close proximity to the heart of the town, were enough to mar any claim that might be advanced respecting the immunity of Victoria from eye-sores.

The visitor, who, in walking along Government street, for instance, gave vent to expressions of admiration at the array of imposing buildings, was invariably brought to a sudden halt when he reached Cormorant street, by the spectacle of the series of tumble-down structures that confronted him. This was almost sufficient to counteract the favorable impression that was induced by the palatial buildings farther along the thoroughfare, and the expression was usually one of regret that steps were not taken to eradicate these unsightly structures.

But if the exteriors of the various premises were not prepossessing they were infinitely superior to the interiors. In fact it was imposing; picturesque, and even beautiful in comparison. Recondite alleys, pregnant with nauseating effluvia, and so narrow and cryptic that it was impossible for any one of ordinary size to make headway, winded themselves in diverse ways, constituting a perfect labyrinth. In all sincerity, the mystic mazes in some of the large parks were absolutely "not in it" for puzzling purposes with these intricate passages, and even provided the visitor found it possible to ascertain his whereabouts, there was extreme danger of some of the flooring caving in and a downward trip to the other floor with more abruptness than dignity. There were stairways so old and shaky that it would require a feather-weight to negotiate them with

The Wiping Out of Old Shacks in Chinatown a Conspicious Feature of Operations.

any degree of rapidity, and even he would be tempting Providence.

The danger to this city of the existence of these buildings was obvious. Bubonic plague and kindred evils could find no better breeding place, and this fact commended itself forcibly to the health authorities. Armed with the authority of the law as set forth in the Health and Building by-laws, the sanitary and building officials explored these quarters thoroughly and immediately inaugurated a crusade which has resulted in the demolition of almost, if not all, the shacks in the district.

When a building is condemned by the building inspector the adoption of his recommendation by the city council clothes him with the authority to order the destruction of the premises. On the other hand, when the sanitary inspector's report is submitted recommending the destruction of the shacks as nuisances, the owners are requested to confer with the council, in order to give reasons why their structures should not be destroyed.

During the beginning of spring in one of his investigating tours the sanitary inspector encountered a rendezvous of filth which doubtless could not be eclipsed anywhere. This was in the brick cabins between Cormorant and Fisguard streets, belonging to the Porter estate. Although the apartments were only of ordinary dimensions, the Celestial occupants had seen fit to bisect it horizontally with a secondary ceiling. As one apartment served the purposes of cooking, sleeping, and general living room, the scene that met the eye of the inspector on his round can be more adequately imagined than described.

That was one of the starting points of the campaign of eradicating eye-sores, which is still going on. On April 2nd a report was submitted, recommending the destruction of six one-story cabins on Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas, two more in the same vicinity and four more not far away. This recommendation was carried out to the letter and battalions of rats and Chinese were made temporarily homeless. On April 17th there were five more on Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas streets, and two more in the immediate vicinity, including the old hospital, destroyed. These were given to the flames as the most successful purifier. In one of these shacks the firemen who presided over the conflagration discovered a considerable quantity of dynamite, which, had it exploded, would have removed every house in the neighborhood and probably transformed the market building into another structure altogether, to say nothing of the morgue and the sanitary inspector's headquarters in the market yard.

Eleven more shacks on the corner of Government and Chatham streets met the fate of their predecessors, and another source of danger was removed. The next move was made on Pandora street, where the cottage of Mrs. Drosdewitz courted investigation. This resulted in its condemnation, but its owner fought the advancing tide of progress loudly and stubbornly, and her resistance was responsible for the postponement of the day of the eradication of the house for some time. Finally, the inspector decided upon drastic measures. Accompanied by several members of the fire department, he proceeded to the domain of the irate lady one morning at three o'clock, and immediately commenced the operations of removal. The owner of the cottage, who lived in the neighboring house, appeared on the scene in battle array and made a spirited attack on one of the workmen, truculently endeavoring to bereave him of his beard. Finally quiet was restored and the work was executed. This was one of the most exciting incidents in connection with the campaign.

On May 4th, four frame buildings on Cormorant street, between Government and Store streets, were condemned, and subsequently destroyed. Then followed ten more on the south side of the same street, between Government and Store. Ten is the number given, but with the addition of adjuncts in the way of chicken houses, sheds, and other structures, a score, perhaps, would be more accurate. The unsightly affairs on Government street, between Cormorant and Fisguard, next came under the civic ban and the fiat went forth for their destruction. The inevitable conference between the council and the owners was held, and the destruction took place not very long ago. The sanitary inspector was not satisfied that the procedure adopted in the operations was as speedy as it might be, so he hit upon the expedient of calling the street roller, Jumbo, into requisition.

The ponderous machine worked famously, and it did not require much time to convert the place of shacks into a decided vacuum. The debris was burned under the watchful eyes of the fire department. On Hing is now erecting a brick building on the corner.

Two more buildings on Fisguard street followed the usual course. The old stable on Broad street, just north of Fort street, was condemned in July and ultimately destroyed. The old shack on Government street used as a store-house for hay by Messrs. Brackman & Ker, was dealt with in similar manner, as was a cottage and two sheds on Quadra street belonging to S. J. Pitts. There are more old tumble down establishments on Fisguard street which have gone the way of the others, and in some instances a Kansas cyclone could not have done the work in better style than the corps of workmen. The Porter estate, through their agent, T. Worthington, voluntarily destroyed some of their Fisguard street structures, and in their place have erected a brick building.

At the meeting of the city council a few evenings ago reports were received from the building and sanitary inspectors recommending the destruction of shacks on the corners of Johnson and Broad streets, one on the north side of Cormorant street, and two on Fisguard. These will also be removed in what has now become the natural order of things.

In almost every case, the old relics and landmarks ordered destroyed have been replaced by substantial brick buildings. This certainly would not have happened had the authorities relaxed their vigilance. The effluxion of time would have compelled the owners to ultimately remove holdings that were in danger of falling to pieces from very antiquity, but this might have been years, were it not for the prompt action that has been taken by the city.

It would not be an extravagant assertion to state that nearly one hundred shacks of various descriptions have been ordered destroyed by the authorities within the past ten months. Some of the owners have shown themselves most public-spirited, by not only waiving all opposition, but by assisting the authorities to the utmost in their work. Then, again, there were a few thorns. Some of the agents and owners raised all sorts of opposition and delayed the operations, although the result was always the same. To the traveller who visited the purlieus of Chinatown and who noted the large number of old shacks a year or two ago the improvement during the past ten months has commended itself perhaps more decidedly than to the citizens to whom the metamorphosis is not so perceptible.

Great credit is due both the inspectors as well as the city council for the great work, and while no disparagement to previous councils is intended, it is most certainly a fact that in the matter of removing the objectionable building features in the way of buildings greatly advanced along the line of decadence this year has seen the most extensive improvement.

Many Works Instituted by Naval and Military Authorities--Activity in Shipping Circles.

PLETHORA OF BUILDINGS.

Many Handsome Structures Have Been Erected During the Past Ten Months.

There is one sign by which the status of a municipality in the line of progress may be accurately gauged. That is the extent of building operations carried on, and such a criterion may be considered as more valuable than any other.

The community in which no building takes place is of a certainty dead, and stagnation in this particular is nothing less than the precursor of retrogression. No far-seeing, enterprising man of business, follower of any of the professions or artificer, would wittingly invest in a city that, owing to adverse conditions, is incapable of giving him some return, and the fact that in Victoria during the past ten months building enterprise has been so marked, indicates that those vitally interested are convinced that an era of great prosperity has arrived.

In many cities, notably in those south of the forty-ninth line of latitude, the active construction of buildings of a more than ordinary pretentious character is the outward and visible sign of a "boom." The word "boom," according to its accepted usage, is somewhat of a stranger to Victorians, and sensationalism is wholly foreign to the nature of the citizens. Solidarity is the main characteristic, and consequently when

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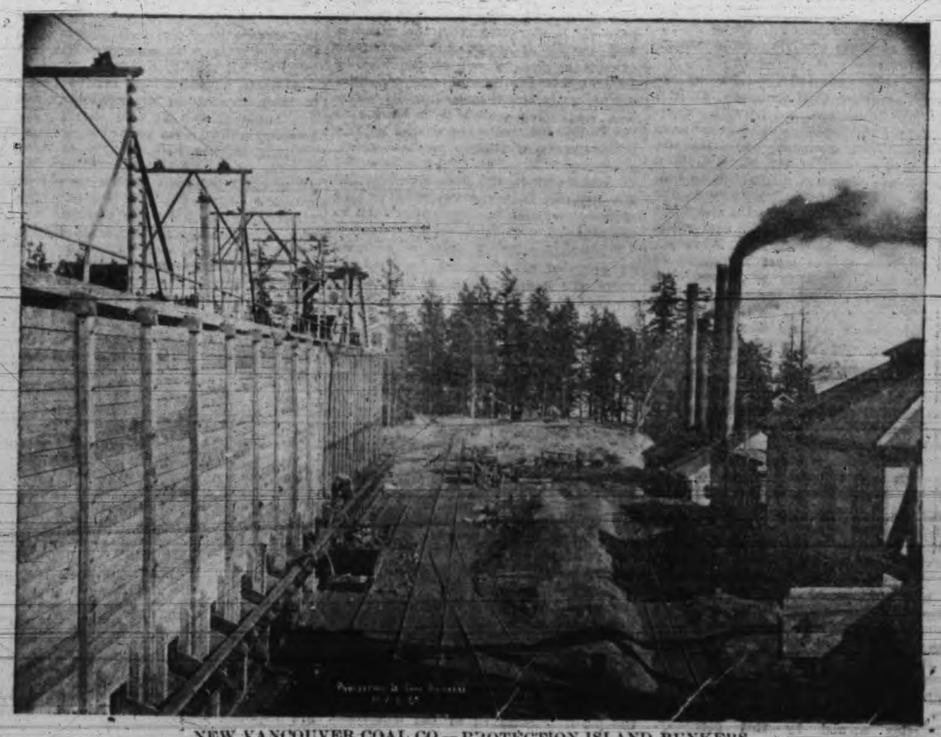

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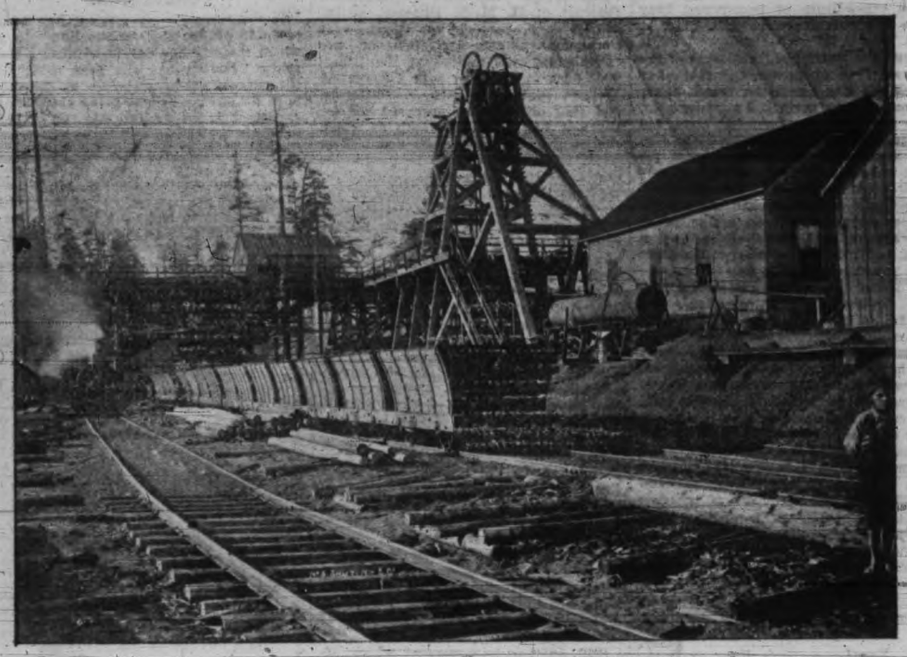


NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—NO. 5 SHAFT.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—PROTECTION ISLAND SHAFT.

the old shacks of the city are replaced by palatial brick structures and the beautiful sites for which Victoria and suburbs is noted are occupied by handsome residences, none feel disposed to proclaim it to the skies but all are convinced that despite the absence of the inflated "boom," this solid old city is making rapid progress.

There is an old saying, born of the slang world, which might be paraphrased to describe the manner in which the people of this city work toward the advancement of its interests, and that is, "that Victorians say nothing but saw wood."

Several of the architects when interviewed by a Times representative, came out flat-footed with the statement that this year so far has seen more building than any of its predecessors for a long period. Visitors who came here a year ago and who have returned recently, have expressed themselves surprised at the large number of splendid, imposing structures that have been reared during the past ten months. There was, for instance, the old American hotel on Yates street, which, although a historical structure, was not calculated to enhance the appearance of that portion of the town in which it stood. There is now erected on this site a four-story modern brick edifice. Directly opposite, for many years an old shack marred the view by the evidences of its antiquity. This met the fate of its predecessors, and a three-story brick building stands in its place. Another old land-mark was the frame building on the corner of Broad and View streets. Disinclination induced perhaps by no inconsiderable degree of sentiment on the part of its owners, kept it standing for many years beyond its time, but this also was unable to cope with the era of progress ushered in with the century, and a brick structure now contributes to the improved appearance of Broad street. A splendid new establishment is being erected on the corner of Johnson and Douglas streets for R. Porter & Sons, and this building supplants an old standby over which many decades had rolled.

These are a few of the instances in which the metamorphosis of the business portion of the city has been effected, while a "constitutional" in the direction of Chinatown will show the extent of the improvement that has been made in that district, which is gradually losing its identity as an eye-sore. Government street continues to lead in the matter of imposing structures, and the seer who prophesied the decadence of this thoroughfare as the main vertebra of Victoria should rub his eyes several times and standing, say, at the coign of vantage on the corner of Yates and Government, gaze toward the south and he will be speedily undeceived. At the same time, it must be acknowledged that Yates street has taken its place in the very front rank, as having many handsome buildings and the number of shacks on it is quickly diminishing. The champions of Douglas street are by no means disheartened by the fact that Government still retains its prestige as the leading avenue of trade, for there is nothing to prevent the building activity spreading there.

Among the prominent business edifices erected during the past ten months the Vernon block on the corner of Government and Broughton streets is conspicuous. This is the fine three-story store now occupied by M. W. Waitt & Co. and Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., and was completed in the latter part of spring. The building has a frontage of 50 feet on Government street, and extends 73 feet along Broughton street. It has a basement of the full dimensions of the building, and the interior is in perfect harmony with the attractive appearance of the exterior. It has a pressed brick and cut stone front, a style that has been adopted quite freely of late. The cost of the structure was in the neighborhood of $16,000.

Another large and imposing building was that erected for Messrs. Pither & Leiser on the old American hotel site on Yates street. This is owned by Mr. Hepburn, who, by the way, has evidenced his faith in the future of Victoria in no unmistakable manner, having recently constructed a number of brick establishments in the business portion of the city. The cost of this block was 14,000, and the present tenants moved into their new premises in the spring. The building is heavily built, and has a pressed brick and cut stone front. It has a frontage of 45 feet on Yates street and extends 110 feet to the rear. The office is on the ground floor in front, and the remainder of the premises is utilized for warehouse purposes. As in the Vernon block, there are modern electric elevators and up-to-date conveniences. Another of the most prominent of Mr. Hepburn's buildings is now in the course of construction on the corner of Government and Cormorant streets. It will have, when completed, two stories, while a large basement will give it similar accommodation to that of a three-storied establishment. Its dimensions are 60 by 100 feet, and the valuation is $10,500.

Thomas Earle recently moved from his old quarters on Wharf street to the fine new premises erected on Yates street during the spring. This building, like its neighbor opposite, has a pressed brick and cut stone front, and vies with the former in conducing to the attractive and up-to-date appearance of the wholesale portion of Yates street. The cost of this structure is estimated at $9,500. There is also the MacGregor block on the corner of Broad and View streets, costing about $14,500, and Gim Took Yuen's two-story brick block on Government street, estimated at $13,000.

The provincial government repairs and brick addition to the court house is quite a factor in the computation of the amount of expenditure during the past ten months in building circles.

The remodelling of the court house has effected a much-needed reform in the internal arrangements of that building, and although the cost has been very large the province has been amply repaid in the increased value of this asset.

On the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, Todd & Sons are erecting a two-story edifice, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy in the course of a couple of months. There will be accommodation for four stores and the cost of the building will approximate $10,500. Down on Fisguard street the Porter Estate has erected a structure with accommodation for ten stores. The cost is in the neighborhood of $9,000.

Naturally in a city possessing such unparalleled residential charms as Victoria a large number of palatial domains are constantly in the course of construction, and this year, which has witnessed such activity in building circles in the business portion of the city, has also seen the erection of splendid residences. The suburbs are also rapidly being filled with residences, and if in these districts there has not been exactly an unprecedented amount of building, nevertheless gradual progress is being made, and each house, as it were, draws the main portion of the city nearer to its outside communities.

Next year, it is predicted, will eclipse the present in building circles, and should this optimism be justified the stamp of discreditability undoubtedly will be placed upon the asseverations of the croakers who dogmatically endeavor to exploit the played-out theory that this city is not destined to take a leading position in the front rank of the municipalities of the coast. Through the courtesy of Building Inspector Northcott the Times is enabled to publish the following list of the buildings erected and under construction up to date:

Owner.	Location.	Description.	Cost
Atkins, W.	Dallas road	1-story wood cottage	$ 3,000
Anderson, George	King's road	1-story wood cottage	800
Allan, Wm.	Cadboro Bay road	2-story wood house	2,000
Bishop, George	Garbally road	2-story wood house	1,500
Brackman, Ely	Catherine street	2-story wood house	2,000
Behnsen, H. F. W.	Centre road	2-story wood soap factory	1,000
Brynolfson, E.	Spring road	1-story wood addition to house	800
B. C. L. & I. Agency	Cormorant street	2-story brick addition to store	1,500
Conyer, Mrs. M.	Cadboro Bay road	1½-story wood house	2,500
Campbell, Rev. J.	Cadboro Bay road	2-story wood house	4,000
Challoner, W. L.	Cadboro Bay road	2-story wood house	4,500
City	North Dairy Farm	Brick pumping station	5,500
City	Edw. and Catherine	2-story brick fire hall	4,500
Carey, J. W.	Cormorant street	2-story brick store	6,000
Earle, Thos.	Yates street	3-story brick store	9,500
Eberts & Taylor	Langley street	3-story brick offices	3,000
Gray, Andrew	Pembroke street	2-story wood iron foundry	1,500
Hepburn, John	Yates street	4-story brick stores, etc	14,000
Hepburn, John	Cormorant and Store	2-story brick store	4,000
Hepburn, John	Cormorant and Gort	2-story brick stores	10,500
Hall, Dr. F. W.	Government street	2-story brick stores	3,000
Jones, S.	Yates street	3-story brick addition to hotel	7,000
Jim Took Yuen	Government street	2-story brick stores	13,000
Jennings, K.	Garbally road	2-story wood house	1,200
Lenevue Estate	Chatham	1-story wood cabins (3)	1,000
Lewis, John	Carr street	1-story wood house	1,000
Lee Yun Young	Fisguard street	2-story brick stores	4,000
Macaulay, W. J.	Rockland avenue	2-story wood house	4,000
Methodist Church	Esquimalt road	Wood addition	500
Moody, S. P.	St. Charles street	1½-story wood house	1,800
Mesher, Geo. C.	Pandora	2-story wood house	1,800
Mesher, G. C.	Bellot	1-story wood house	1,000
Matthews, J.	Dallas road	2-story wood house	2,000
McCarthy, C. B.	Barberry Gardens	2-story wood house	2,000
McBeath, D.	Devonshire road	1½-story wood house	500
MacGregor, P. C.	Robert street	1-story wood house	1,800
Provincial Govt.	Broad and View	2-story brick offices, etc	14,500
Pike, A.	Rupston Square	Brick add. and altr. to court house	20,000
Pettingell, Mrs.	Niagara street	1½-story brick house	1,500
Payne, Fred.	Burdette avenue	2-story wood house	2,500
Porter, R. & Sons	Ontario street	1-story wood house	750
Rothwell, Mrs.	Douglas and Johnson	2-story brick store, etc	13,000
Rebbick, Jas. K.	Esquimalt road	1-story wood house	600
Raymond, John	Michigan street	2-story wood house	2,500
Spencer, David	Belleville street	1½-story wood house	2,500
Stewart, Mrs. J.	Broad and Govt	Brick add. and altr. to store	3,000
Hutcheson Co.	Hillside avenue	1-story wood house	1,000
Todd & Sons	Fort and Government	Brick add. and altr. to store	4,000
Vernon, C. A.	Douglas and Pandora	2-story brick store	10,500
Vernon, F. G.	Govt. and Broughton	3-story brick stores	16,000
Vic. Mach. Dep. Co.	Douglas street	Alterations to hotel	3,000
Williams, W. T.	Work street	Wood building for machinery	1,000
Whitley, Mrs.	Yates street	2-story brick store	4,000
Weiham, Miss	Vancouver street	1½-story wood house	1,200
Worthington, T. J.	Beacon street	1-story wood house	1,000
Wah Yuen & Co.	Fisguard street	2-story brick stores	3,000
Gowen, N.	Cormorant street	1-story brick cabins	1,500
Wylde, Mrs. A.	View street	3-story brick brewery	3,500
On Hing	Fort street	1-story wood house	2,000
Mr. Walter	Govt. and Fisguard	Brick stores	4,000
Jacobs, E. A.	View street	1-story wood house	800
West, A. C.	Dallas road	1-story wood house	1,500
Mars, —	Dallas road	1½-story wood house	2,000
Mesher, Geo.	Pemberton road	Wood house	6,000
	Fort street	1-story brick store	1,500
		Total	$257,850

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Pavement of Thoroughfares, Laying of Sidewalks, and Other Salient Details.

The paving of Broad and Yates streets stands with the eradication of eye-sores as the most striking improvement undertaken by the city council during the ten months past. To those who a year ago during the wet weather, were unable to cross either of these thoroughfares without carrying many ounces of mud on their shoes, this improvement commends itself as particularly important. From a spectacular standpoint, it is undoubtedly responsible for a marked transformation of not only the immediate vicinity, but to some degree the entire business portion of the city.

The days are past, as far as Broad and Yates streets are concerned, when the stranger within the gates of Victoria while standing on the corner of these two vertebrae beheld at certain seasons of the year a vista of irregularities, including a series of mud puddles and other woes of the pedestrian.

Two pavements in one year is not a bad record, and at that rate a couple of years will see the much-needed improvement established on all the other thoroughfares in the heart of Victoria. Almost simultaneously with the inauguration of these was the institution of permanent sidewalks on both sides of Broad street as well as on the greater portion of Yates from Wharf to Douglas.

The cost of the pavement this year was about 15 cents per square yard less than that of Vancouver last year. This is in itself a good showing, for the cost of material has increased somewhat during the twelve months. The operations of paving Broad street commenced on August 6th, and immediately upon their termination the work of paving Yates street commenced, being completed by October 19th. The cost of paving the former thoroughfare was in the neighborhood of $8,000, and that of Yates street $9,000. The average cost per square yard for the entire paving was $2.63 per square yard. The average cost for paving at the Terminal City last year was $2.79 per square yard. The cost per foot frontage to the property owners on Broad street for the pavement was about $4.50. The entire expenditure this year in the laying of permanent sidewalks was in the neighborhood of $10,000.

Of the expenditure in improvements of this description two-thirds of the cost is borne by the property owners affected and the remainder by the city. They are allowed the option of paying at once or extending their payments over a term of years. In this case the interest will increase the charge. The total cost of pavement work this year was $1,500 under the estimates.

The system of pavement undertaken in this city is what may be called the sawn block pavement. After the excavations the concrete bedding is installed, the tar blocks are placed securely in position, and a layer of tar and gravel complete the operations. By this it will be seen that it is all very simple, but that it is efficacious is beyond doubt. The blocks were sawn at Sayward's mill, and saturated with tar in a huge vat constructed for the purpose in the yard at the old pumping station on Yates street.

But there is one principle connected with the paving of the streets which, although a very important one, was not observed this year. It was noted that immediately previous to the initiation of the paving operations the streets were dug up, the water and gas pipes were laid, and the work of paving commenced before the newly filled trenches had time to settle. All this work should be carried out fully a year previous to the pavement, for if the roadbed foundation is not solid there is nothing to prevent the pavement settling.

It is altogether probable that Government street will be paved next year. The cost to the property owners for this work will be between $6 and $6.50 per foot frontage.

During the present year a sum of money approximating $4,500 has been expended on sewers. The Quadra street main was laid from Yates street north in the summer, and a branch sewer was installed from King's road, and another on South Park street. Those who have perused the reports of the proceedings of the city council could not have failed to notice the frequency with which petitions were received praying for an extension of a drain on Cadboro Bay road from Cook street. The erection of several new residences and the importunity of the property owners had the desired effect, and the much-needed improvement was made, the expenditure being about $500.

More than a thousand dollars worth of sidewalks have been constructed, while a large number of streets have been macadamized. Principal among these was Yates street, the work on which was undertaken during the spring. The cost was in the neighborhood of $400, and the improvement was well worth it. From Douglas to Blanchard the roadway is as smooth as any of the avenues in the park, and it has proved a boon to the poor cyclist whose system was all but shattered in riding along some of the suburban roads. Government street near the Taylor mill was also macadamized, between three and four hundred dollars having been spent on this work. An additional $500 will be expended on this street at once.

Douglas street from Chatham to the north will be macadamized also, and it is evidently the intention to maintain the city streets in a condition which will silence all criticism. Sundry repairs have been instituted in the park, and woe betide the individual who audibly gives expression to the belief that the worthy park commissioner has not been on the qui vive for improvements in his domain.

Work was completed a few days ago in the construction of the new swing for the Rock Bay bridge. The operations commenced some time ago in building a temporary passage for traffic. There is now a substantial swing in position, strong and durable to such an extent that there need be no fear but that it will stand every strain brought to bear on it. The cost of the new swing was $2,500.

When the machinery is installed in the new pumping station connection will be made with the 16-inch Cook street main. The conditions require that the Albion Iron Works, which has charge of the installation, shall bring the pipes four feet without the building, and the city will do the remainder. In fact there is little to be done by the corporation, for the main is already on the scene for connection.

A new road is being opened up from Cadboro Bay road, to Belcher street, and the name of the new thoroughfare is Leland avenue.

At the present time it is difficult to estimate the total expenditure in improvements carried on by the city during the term, but it will certainly exceed the hundred thousand dollar mark by the expiration of the year. The pumping station, described elsewhere in this article, represents an expenditure of about $20,000 in itself, while the annual appropriation of $30,000 for streets and bridges is an easily exhaustible quantity when works of any extent are undertaken. Victoria is certainly "looking up," as the visitor from the other side would say, and street improvements are material factors in contributing to an increased prestige.

The following report from the streets, bridges and sewers committee, recently adopted by the city council, will show the amount of improvements contemplated:

Street Improvement.

(1) Re communication of J. Morrison, respecting the improvement of San Juan avenue; (2) Re improvement of Garbally road, between Douglas street and the Gorge road; (3) Re improvement of Croft street, by an expenditure of $300; (4) Re improvement of Richmond avenue at the discretion of the city engineer, by an expenditure of $125; (5) Re repairs to Park roads, by an expenditure of $350; (6) Re improvement of Fort street, between Vancouver and Cook streets, by an expenditure of $350; (7) Re improvement of Birdcage Walk, from Superior street along Carr street to the Park, by an expenditure of $400; (8) Re improvement of Cadboro Bay road, from Oak Bay junction to the hospital, by an expenditure of $500; (9) Re improvement of Jubilee avenue, by an expenditure of $300; (10) Re improvement of Fairfield road, from Cook street to the cemetery, by an expenditure of $500; (11) Re improvement of Douglas street, from Topaz avenue to the city limits, by an expenditure of $1,000; (12) Re road adjacent to the Clover Point rifle range; (13) Re improvement of Douglas street, between Yates and Fisguard streets, $500.

Your committee recommends that the above mentioned works be carried out.

Sidewalks.

Your committee would recommend that the following new sidewalks be laid:

Permanent.—(1) In front of the new building in course of erection on the corner of Johnson and Douglas streets by Messrs. R. Porter & Sons.

Plank.—(1) On Michigan street, in accordance with the petitions of James Pottinger; (2) On the old Esquimalt road, in accordance with the request of W. J. Bowden; (3) On Market street, as per petition of Edward Marston et al; (4) On the south side of Fisguard street, as per petition of J. P. Walls, by an expenditure of the sum of $50; (5) Around the Hepburn block, corner of Government and Cormorant streets, by an expenditure of $100; (6) From Cadboro Bay road to the hospital gate on Mount Tolmie road; (7) On Baronet street, 300 feet; (8) On Chatham street (north side), from Blanchard street west, 350 feet; (9) On View street (north side), from Cook street to Vancouver street; (10) On Kane street (south side), between Blanchard and Douglas streets; (11) On Menzies street (east side), between Superior and Toronto streets; (12) On Niagara street (south side), between Dallas road and Montreal street; (13) On Quadra street (west side), between Pioneer and Fisguard streets; (14) On Frederick street (north side), from Quadra street east; (15) On Frederick street (south side), from Quadra street east; (16) On View street (north side), from Cook street east; (17) On Blanchard street (west side), between Chatham street and Discovery street; (18) On Cook street, between Pembroke street and Hillside avenue.

Surface Drains.

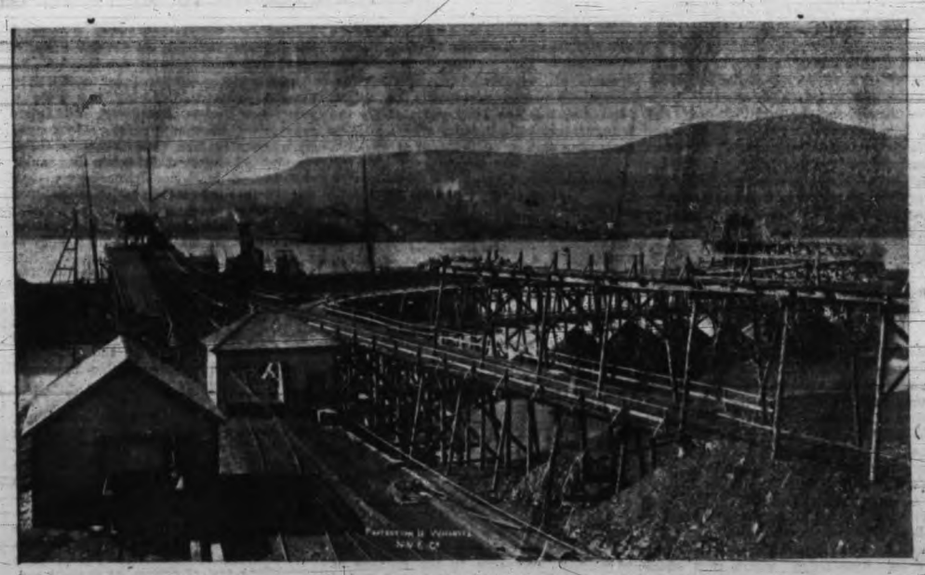
We recommend that surface drains be laid on the following streets:

(1) On Douglas street, by an expenditure of the sum of $512, and (2) On Blanchard street, by the expenditure of the sum of $282; (3) Also that the sum of $75 be expended in providing drainage for Oscar street.

In regard to the matter of sewerage extension on Avalon road, we recommend that no action be taken for the reason mentioned in the city engineer's report of the 22nd ultimo.

We recommend that the following matters be laid over for further consideration, namely:

(1) The purchase of meters for the new pumping station; (2) The purchase of portions of secs. 45 and 46 Lake district, in the water-shed area; (3) The adjustment of the street grade, in accordance with the petition of Messrs. Heisterman & Co.



NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—PROTECTION ISLAND WHARVES.

PLENTY OF WATER.

New Pumping Station and Facilities Another Monument to Enterprise —Enormous Capacity.

The new pumping station at North Dairy farm indicates that the city council is determined upon giving this city a water supply which for quantity will be above the criticism of those who based a pet kick against the city on any deficiency in this important particular.

When the new station will be the scene of mechanical activity and the mighty pump now being installed is working, there will be a maximum capacity of four million gallons per day, just three times the actual consumption. This should leave no ground for complaint on the water supply question from even the most chronic kicker.

The old pumping station on Yates street, by reason of insufficiency of accommodation and other equally salient objections, was rightly deemed inadequate by the municipal solons, and they decided to erect new premises and equip them with machinery commensurate with their conception of what an up-to-date pumping station should have. The site was selected at North Dairy farm, a few miles to the north of the city, where an acre of land was secured. The plans having been prepared and other essential features and preliminaries arranged the construction commenced in May. The contract was in the hands of M. Humber, the contract price being $5,420. The work was prosecuted energetically under the superintendence of the building inspector, although at times the inclement weather seriously retarded progress. Nevertheless, all was completed in August.

The new station, in every day parlance, exactly "fills the bill." That is as it should be, as the people foot the expense account, but in perfection of detail and in all essential points the new structure is an excellent one. It is of brick, one story in height. Its dimensions are 86x41 feet, and it is divided into two apartments. The front apartment is for the pumping machinery, and the rear room for the boilers. Each is large, convenient, and the engineer and his assistants will not be compelled to contract themselves into animated laths to perform their duties. There is a huge chimney, ninety feet high—one of the highest in this part of the country. The expense of the construction of the concrete floor and the foundations for the machinery is borne by the corporation.

The machinery is being supplied and installed by the Albion Iron Works. The large pump was secured in Toronto. While it was being brought from the outer wharf, the city engineer thought that an excellent opportunity presented itself in this connection to test James Bay bridge. This was done, and the ponderous machine, weighing 14 tons, did not make the slightest impression on the structure.

The cost of the building proper was in the neighborhood of $6,500, and the total cost of the station and everything connected therewith will be about $20,000. There will be three men stationed there. The immediate supervision of the construction was capably exercised by Wm. Humphrey.

AND THE SCHOOLS TOO.

Boys' Central Thoroughly Renovated —Other Alterations and Repairs Effected.

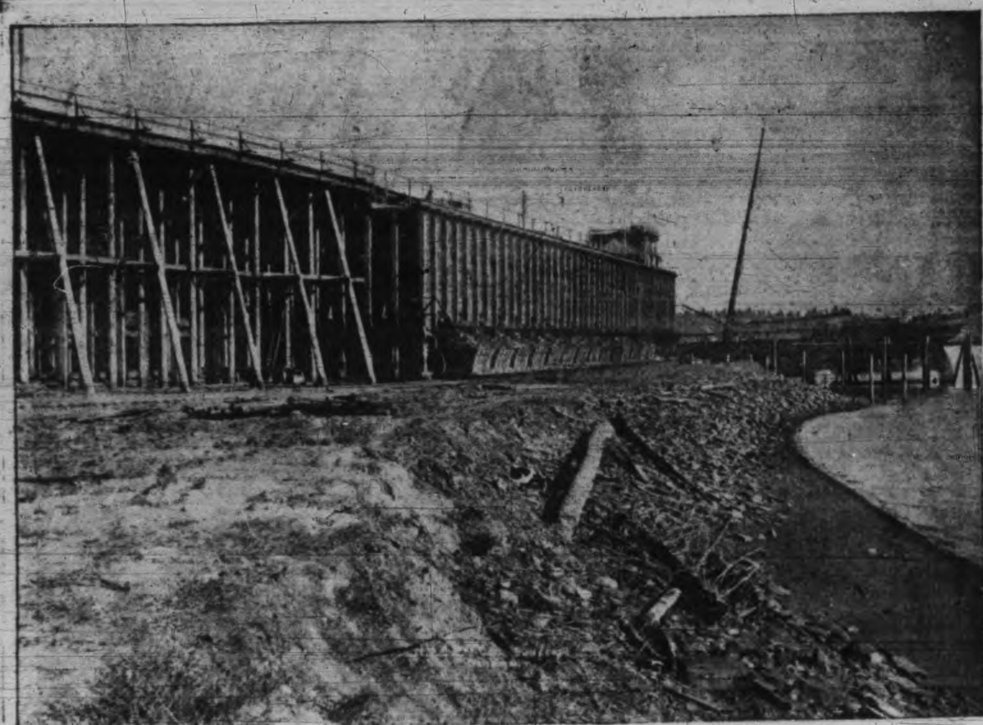
The schools have also received attention during the present year and many material improvements have been instituted. Most of these have been effected during the summer months when the pupils were enjoying their vacation. The school board understand quite well that it is a moral impossibility for workmen to carry on their labors with an audience of several hundred of young Victorians for an inconsiderable portion of each day, and consequently as each vacation is neared the arrangements for a renovation of the schools are entered into.

This year the chief expenditure was on the Boys' Central school. The lower floor was arranged to make better class accommodation. The work was executed well and the result is a large hall, a fine stairway, and four commodious, well-lighted class rooms. The cost of these improvements was $1,300. The expenditure on the Girls' school was appreciably less. The operations were confined to repainting and rekalsomining the class rooms and the halls. The cost of this work was $182.

At Hillside avenue school nearly $200 was expended, two sheds being erected for the purpose of protecting the children out of doors from the inclement weather. Some minor repairs were inaugurated at Spring Ridge, about $100 being expended in gravelling and grading the school yard. In North Ward $100 was expended on a heating apparatus and boiler. The total expenditure in repairs and alterations on the schools was $3,500. The playgrounds at some of the schools have been augmented by the acquisition of adjoining property. This also constitutes an item of expense, these plots having been rented.

In this connection, perhaps, it would not be amiss to point out the existence of several urgent necessities. Among these is that for more accommodation in the Central school. All the present available class rooms are required for the two graded schools, making it necessary that some provision should be made for the High school. In fact, a new building is required, for comparison of the present structure with High school buildings in the majority of the neighboring cities would be distinctly invidious to that of Victoria.

An expenditure of several hundred dollars on the school grounds would effect a much-needed improvement, and the Kingston street and Spring Ridge schools should be provided with sheds. But everything considered, the improvements during the fraction of the year now almost concluded have been fairly commensurate with the necessities, and the city superintendent, supported by the school board, have made excellent progress. Some time ago a report was made pointing out that some one of the schools was becoming overcrowded, and the appointment of another teacher was recommended. This is a significant point. It does not mean that the other schools are losing any of their pupils, but that the total attendance is greatly on the increase. The logical deduction from this is that the population is also on the increase, and



NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—BUNKERS.

when this is so the city must necessarily advance.

DOUBLE-TRACKED STREETS.

Big Improvement in This Respect Was Inaugurated This Year—Contemplated Work.

During the past ten months the B. C. Electric Railway Company have certainly carried on their share of those improvements that may be termed among the conspicuous. In the various operations instituted by them a considerable number of men have found employment, and this in itself is an important feature. Each year some new departure has been made in the system, and this must necessarily be for the better, as the growth of an institution of this description follows the growth of the municipality in which it is established.

Prominent among the works carried on by the company was the double tracking of Yates and Douglas streets from Government to Fisguard. In order that the new arrangement may not be an ephemeral one, the construction has been inaugurated with a view to endurance, and consequently the best possible facilities were secured. The rails are seventy-four pound girder rails for the paved streets, and fifty-six pound "T" rails for the unpaved thoroughfare. In the construction a foundation of six inches of broken rock was laid, supplemented by two inches of gravel, with a drain along the centre to carry off the water. Special attention was given to the curves, and the cross-overs and other appurtenances were secured in the East, where the manufacture of these is a specialty. The operation of double tracking Yates street commenced simultaneously with the paving of the same street, and has just been completed.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the rails are here and everything is in readiness for the commencement of the work of double tracking Birdcage Walk and Superior street from the south side of the James Bay bridge to Oswego street, constituting a continuation of the Government street double track system. The fact that these operations are carried on is a significant one. It is patent to all that the company certainly would not institute these improvements if they had no reason to believe that it will redound to their own welfare. They have been in a position to watch very closely the signs of the times, and evidently the general tenor of the various indications in this city during the past ten months have strengthened their convictions.

Some time ago they placed an order at Ottawa for three new palatial cars and these probably will be on hand in the course of a couple of months.

In the past few weeks two of the larger cars, numbers 12 and 13, of the Fort street line, have been renovated and vestibuled. These are now on the line and present a most inviting and imposing appearance.

During that portion of the year that has passed the company have extended their electric lighting system to all parts of the city. Great strides in this particular have been made, and many an oil lamp has been deposed in favor of the magic fluid. Owing to the enormous increase in the lighting system, orders have been placed with the water wheel manufacturers of San Francisco and electrical companies for additional machinery. This will be in operation by the first of the year, and will increase the supply capacity up to fifty thousand lights. Changes have also been lately made in the reserve plant at the Store street power house, so as to provide against any possibility of a breakdown either in the lighting or tramway system.

While it is conceded that these prospective improvements in the way of new cars and new machinery cannot, strictly speaking, be included in the list of those instituted during the past ten months, at the same time it should be remembered that the orders for these requisitions were placed within this period, and it is only the absolutely necessary delay in manufacture which has prevented their installation within the time covered by this article.

In recapitulation, some idea of the extent of the improvement work carried on by the B. C. Electric Railway Company this year may be conceived from the fact that between $60,000 and $70,000 was expended on various works during this time. This certainly swells the improvement item by a great margin.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO.

New Hall in Victoria West Gives Unbounded Satisfaction—Adequate Protection.

Situated on the crest of a hill on the corner of Edward and Catherine streets, the new Victoria West fire hall commends itself at first glance as one of the most vitally important improvements of the present year. It is important because it affords to a rapidly growing community a degree of fire protection not hitherto enjoyed by it. From the standpoint of workmanship it should also be a source of pride to the city as it is one of the neatest and most attractive structures of its description in the Northwest.

It has a frontage of 31 feet on Catherine street, and double that distance on Edward street. It is of brick, solidly constructed, and is there to stay. Its construction was commenced in the latter portion of spring, and completed during the summer. It is well equipped, and its erection filled a long-felt want in the community. A complete description of the new hall appeared in these columns some time ago.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in the purchase of an apparatus for this building the city made what may be designated a bargain. The city of Everett, Washington, on the strength of a "boom," purchased from the Fire Extinguishing Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, a splendid up-to-date combination hose wagon and chemical, the price paid being in the neighborhood of $3,500. The inevitable reaction which succeeds incipient booms following, the municipality of Everett found the new apparatus a white elephant, and expressed a desire to part with it. The coast agent, A. G. Long, of Portland, assumed charge of the negotiations, and through him, Chief Deasy learned that the new machine could be purchased for $1,700. He recommended that this bargain be "snapped up," and the city appreciating the wisdom of the suggestion, secured the machine. They thus save more than $1,500 to the corporation and the ratepayers.

During the period referred to, new alarm boxes have been installed at many points, while hydrants have also been placed freely on the outskirts of the city. This indicated what the Democrats would characterize "expansion," for even in such an unobtrusive feature as the installation of alarm boxes and hydrants, the growth of a city is indicated as new communities are springing up requiring adequate fire protection.

SWIMMING BATH

Was Successfully Conducted During the Summer—It Was Largely Patronized.

During the summer months there was conducted on the Arm an institution, in which many of the younger generation of this city were taught the natatorial science. This consisted of a swimming bath designed by Ian St. Clair, athletic instructor in the city schools. Mr. St. Clair acted as teacher of swimming, and it is gratifying to note that a great number of boys and girls were taught how to swim. Mr. St. Clair went still further in his instruction process, and taught his pupils the principles of life saving in the water—a knowledge which may some day be of the greatest value to some of them. The baths were constructed at a cost of about $300, and throughout the summer they were largely patronized. In fact the institution was a huge success, which, in all probability will be continued next year. Above the expenditure there was a small surplus, and the result fully justified Mr. St. Clair's contention that baths of this description, if properly conducted, would prove successful. A full account of the details in connection with the establishment appeared in these columns at the time of its construction.

CITY HALL RENOVATED.

Six Hundred Dollars Was Expended on Repairs in Municipal Headquarters.

There is another item of improvement which, although not a conspicuous one, is worthy of a place among those covered by this article. That is the recent renovation of the municipal headquarters. It is true that this effected no material metamorphosis, for only about six hundred dollars was expended in the work. The interior was rekalsomined, and some of the apartments, including that of the city clerk's, repainted. Minor repairs were instituted in other portions of the building, while the former office of the chief of the fire department, in the western wing of the edifice, was refitted, and became the office of the city superintendent of schools, F. Eaton. This apartment is considerably larger than that formerly occupied by Mr. Eaton, and is in every particular an improvement over the other.

Included in the work provided for, was the construction of an apartment for the local detectives. Formerly this essential department of the police system of this city had no quarters of its own, and consequently they suffered a certain amount of inconvenience, as their deliberations should necessarily be secret. However, this has been obviated by the inauguration of the room which adjoins the police station on Cormorant street.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

Large Amount of Work Instituted on This Station This Year—New Rifle Range.

If there is any studious mathematician in these parts who would like to indulge in what journalists designate a "pipe dream," a most interesting problem would be the computation of the effect upon this city of such a contingency as the removal of the naval and military base to some other quarter. If the calculating individual had stationed himself on the Esquimalt road for a sustained period during the past ten months, and counted the number of wagon-loads of brick that went along this thoroughfare toward the west a faint conception of what the naval and military authorities are effecting at this station might be gained.

There are always certain operations carried on by the naval authorities, comparatively unknown to the citizens of Victoria. In fact it is not intended that they should know, but considerable currency is put in circulation through these operations and Victoria is the gainer. Last year a new gaol was constructed at the naval community. Some months ago an addition was erected in the shape of a new kitchen. An idea of the solid nature of the new duranced vile may be conceived when it is noted that the cost of the recently added annex is somewhere in the neighborhood of $2,000. A large shed or store house was also recently constructed, and as this is a building erected to stand the wear and tear of a few years its cost will probably represent a substantial amount.

But it is at Work Point where the building operations are carried on to greater extent. Some time ago the Times published a description of the barracks recently completed, and now occupied by a company of the Royal Artillery. The completion of this structure by no means concluded the building work there, for the erection of the officers' quarters is now being proceeded with.

During the past few years it has been periodically mooted in authentic circles that it was the intention of the Imperial authorities to increase the strength of the forces at both this point and Halifax, and naturally the first detail which would precede this step would be the erection of quarters adequate for the accomodation of the additional forces. The property upon which it was intended to construct the new quarters was owned by citizens of Victoria. Some time last year the home government appropriated the sum of £25,000 for the purpose of meeting the expenditure entailed in the establishment of the augmenting forces, including the expropriation of the land, the necessary buildings and other essentialities. The land decided upon was that adjoining the present barracks property, and acting on the authority of the Minister of Militia, F. C. MacGregor acted as a valuator of the property in order that the owners might be fairly compensated.

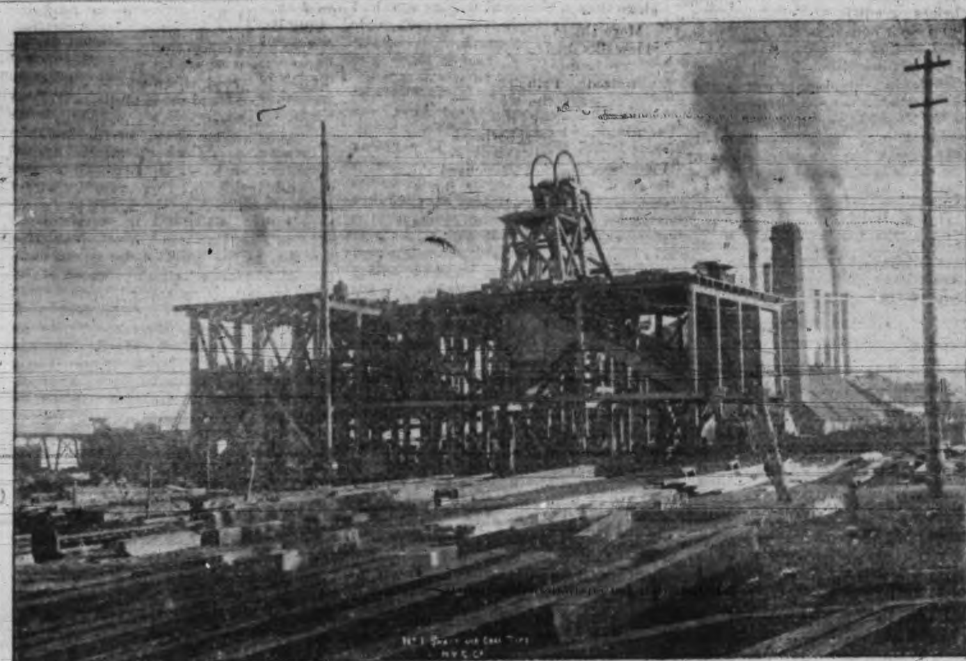
This was during last spring and the work of clearing the site—consisting of between five and six acres—was immediately commenced. Operations on the construction of the building commenced in June, although everything was in readiness as far back as April.

Building is still in progress, living quarters for the married men being erected at the opposite end of the quadrangle to the barracks.

This time last year the old marine hospital across the harbor was the picture of desolation. Hardly a soul was visible on the premises, for months at a time it was vacant, and many persons did not know that it was being used. Now it is the scene of perennial activity and animation, and the transformation has placed in circulation about $2,500 a month more than there was before "A" Company, 3rd R. C. R., was established there.

When it became an assured fact that Colonel McKay and his gallant men were to garrison Hospital Point, the renovation of the old hospital was instituted, several hundred dollars being all that was required. The quarters are by no means all that could be desired, but they were the best that could be secured, and were made to suit the requirements. The strength of "A" Company was recently increased to one hundred, the additional men having been recruited from this city and Vancouver.

Among the improvements connected with the garrison is that of the new sidewalk which the provincial government are laying from Esquimalt to Victoria. This consists of an excellent four-foot walk, two miles in extent, and will be a great convenience to the "handy men" and soldiers who use it.



NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—NO. 1 SHAFT AND COAL TIPS.

Among the many important works that have been initited during the present year, few, when completed, will give greater satisfaction than the rifle range. In a country like this, where a large amount of interest is taken in range shooting, it is obviously necessary that the facilities should be of the most modern and most satisfactory character. That this has been appreciated by the department of militia is amply demonstrated by the appropriation it has made for the establishment—of the range, the construction of which commenced about a couple of months ago.

The contract was awarded to Mr. R. Dinsdale, and the cost may be estimated between seven and eight thousand dollars. A complete description appeared in these columns some time ago, although there may be some additional features which have not been published. The engineer for the departent of militia and defense, Mr. Weatherby, is expected to arrive during the middle of the present month, when several suggestions will be made to him regarding certain details not dealt with in the specifications.

Despite the inclemency of the weather excellent progress has been made by Mr. Dinsdale and his staff of men. The operations are, of course, at present confined to Clover Point, and unfavorable weather seriously retards the work as this locality is perhaps the most exposed of any on this part of the Island. A shed has been erected in which the implements are stored, and on several occasions during the past month the workmen have been compelled to suspend operations and seek the shelter of the structure.

All the necessary excavations have been made, and the retaining wall is now well under way. Observation of the manner in which this material feature of the new range is being constructed shows that the intention is that when completed it will be there to stay.

The question of appointing a caretaker to look after the range is being considered, and it is probable that representations will be made to that effect to the proper authorities. Wm. Humphrey is clerk of the works.

THE SHIPPING WORLD.

Evidences of Good Times in the City's Marine Activity.

There is still another department, often overlooked by the "land lubber," in which expenditure of money and busy times for workmen have gone hand in hand.

Along the water front evidences of the general wave of prosperity that has struck the city are to be found. Ship carpenters have never had a busier year. They have been in demand at home and abroad, and have been offered the biggest wages ever paid on the coast for work to be done in the Far North, where hundreds of scows and other craft had to be built for the Yukon waterways. The extensive repairs on a number of Her Majesty's ships have also been a great factor in the accelerated business of the past, a matter in itself of greater significance than perhaps any other that could be mentioned. In referring generally to the growth of the ship building business of this city, the private enterprise of the Esquimalt marine railway can hardly be omitted, for this concern has worked more to the advancement of the interests of this port than many have any conception of. For long the Esquimalt dry dock afforded the only means of accommodation for big vessels out of repair, and it is a fact worthy of more than passing attention that notwithstanding the establishment of the new docks and consequent competition and the enormous business done by them, the dry dock's annual receipts have been little diminished.

The return for the year up to the present, showing vessel, time of dockage, tonnage, etc., are as follows:

Vessel.	Tonnage.	Occupancy. Days.
Jan. 29—T. D. Virago	265	6
Jan. 29—T. D. Sparrowhawk	265	6
Feb. 14—Str. Robt. Adamson	2,992	1
Mar. 5—D. G. S. Quadra	573	6
Mar. 22—H. M. S. Egeria	940	11
Mar. 14—Str. Garonne	3,876	2
May 21—Str. Hero	3,718	2
June 5—H. M. S. Leander	4,300	3
June 9—Str. Bristol	1,983	1
June 25—T. D. Virago	265	8
July 9—H. M. S. Arethusa	4,300	3
July 26—T. D. Sparrowhawk	265	22
Aug. 31—Bk. Hawaiian Isles	2,097	1
Sept. 4—Str. Dolphin	824	1
Oct. 8—Bk. Rufus E. Wood	1,477	1
Oct. 11—H. M. S. Phaeton	4,300	10
Oct. 26—Str. Buckingham	2,879	2
Nov. 4—H. M. S. Icarus	970	21
Nov. 4—H. M. S. Pheasant	755	21

The excellent facilities provided by the ways for the expeditions and speedy handling of vessels requiring repairs or cleaning, and painting has been a big advertisement for the port, and scores of craft have come here for "hospital" treatment and have had hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars expended on them, which would otherwise have had no occasion to visit a British Columbia port. Combining this with the convenience of the locality, a vessel, coming north for orders or for a charter, finds this port preferable to all others on the Pacific northwest. She can here be docked at a minimum expense and without going any out of her course on the voyage extended, can proceed to any other point in the province or any port on Puget Sound. And it is the knowledge of this fact that accounts for the presence of so large a fleet as was a few weeks ago anchored in the Roads.

Prominent among the big naval contracts of the year must be mentioned the refit of H. M. S. Phaeton, which, instead of proceeding to Chatham or Portsmouth at the completion of her commission, was refitted at the Esquimalt dock at a cost of over $20,000. A Victoria contractor, Oliver Richards, and staff of workmen prepared her for her new flag and crew, both of which she received a few weeks ago. That work so exacting could be performed here is itself proof that the facilities for work at this port are unrivalled in the northwest.

The dry dock and Esquimalt marine railway have not alone presented scenes of activity, for the shipyards of Messrs. Turpel and Bullen, of the inner harbor, have been kept going almost continuously, and it was only a short time ago that the hull of a large steamer for the C. P. N. Company was given the water.

The freighting business has during the past year assumed proportions never heretofore reached, and this can hardly be gainsaid when it is remembered into what proportions the northern trade developed.

The growing importance of the fishery patrol and the revenue service has led the Dominion government to make an appropriation for two cutters, for which tenders are now in, and which will involve an expenditure of $50,000. These vessels are to be built either in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, or Nanaimo, and it is not improbable that the hulls will be laid in local yards. A dredger is also projected for service at the mouth of the Fraser.

Still another improvement which affects shipping is provided for in the estimates of the Dominion government, and will be carried into effect as soon as possible. This is for the better equipping of the William Head quarantine station, and when consummated will facilitate handling of Oriental ships especially. At present there is but one steam chamber for the reception and fumigation of clothing, and the improvements now under contemplation call for two of these. In addition, during the past summer a laboratory, costing $1,500, has been installed there, and an expert bacteriologist, Dr. Higgins, at the head to guard against the introduction of bubonic plague.

CUSTOMS FIGURES.

Marvellous Development of Trade With the North.

No better criterion of the growth of Victoria's commerce is obtainable than that furnished by the customs returns. The records of the past ten months, when compared with other years, show a marked advance over those of previous years, last September particularly being a red letter period in the history of the port. The increase in the business of this city with the north has been phenomenal, and through the courtesy of the customs officials the Times is herewith not only able to present in tabulated form a statement of the complete returns of the port of Victoria during the past ten months, but also those of the Yukon district. These are as follows:

Yukon Collections.

	Free.	Imports	Duty.
January	$ 604	$ 19,300	$ 3,259 33
February	6,287	74,847	17,907 27
March	7,644	44,527	12,659 99
April	34,862	102,587	23,695 32
May	12,755	38,799	14,025 06
June	12,257	117,467	28,183 16
July	57,934	156,811	24,770 78
August	22,972	64,937	14,701 13
September	4,604	152,270	36,836 35
October	6,486	186,825	37,101 10
Total	$166,465	$962,189	$219,839 43

Victoria Returns.

Months.	Free.	Imports.	Duty.	Other Revs.
January	$ 91,898	$ 170,567	$ 54,774 11	$ 3,290 55
February	85,582	129,853	49,878 93	8,718 30
March	70,087	227,054	66,042 95	17,166 15
April	120,106	228,487	63,329 67	25,177 85
May	75,185	233,270	71,287 21	27,297 25
June	80,075	170,840	67,276 96	24,822 37
July	79,918	249,856	76,510 28	18,771 95
August	38,714	261,620	87,335 56	6,793 10
September	94,891	245,204	91,266 80	6,043 59
October	65,000	184,847	63,413 69	1,441 60
Total	$810,423	$2,143,064	$691,715 03	$143,532 62

Total Collections at Victoria	$ 835,247 65
Total Collections at Bennett	219,839 43
Grand Total	$1,055,087 08

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.—MACHINE SHOPS.

CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing an attempt has been made to outline the various lines along which the city has developed during the year. Mention has not been made of the surgeon's new residence at the Jubilee hospital, which is being erected at a cost of about $2,400, and of other buildings which are still under construction. Sufficient, however, has been said to prove that good times in the best sense of the term has been the city's portion during the last twelve months. That it will continue, and even increase, during the next year is the belief of many and the hope of all.

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